

*Proclamation presented for Jeannette Fire Department from the Mayor for raising \$15,000 for Muscular Dystrophy in the Boot Drive.*

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY  
June 11, 2008  
6:35 P.M.**

**ORDER:** Mayor Michael Cafasso called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Lou Kolbosky, Jeff DePalma, John Busato, Mark Clark, Michael Cafasso

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ronald E. Dinsmore, City Clerk; Jack Cambest, City Solicitor,  
Edward L. Antonacci, City Engineer; Rich Ault, City Foreman;  
Michael Bertolino, Fire Chief; Jeffrey C. Stahl, Chief of Police;  
Sam Casino Jr., City Treasurer; Diana Reitz,  
Community Development Coordinator

*Note: Cindy Booley filled in for Ronald Dinsmore*

**ABSENT WITH CAUSE:** Ronald Dinsmore, Sam Casino

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Busato and seconded by Clark to accept the agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Busato to accept the minutes of the  
**June 4, 2008** Council meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**CITIZENS:**

- Mary Regina – Commented on parking in her spot for 21 years with no problems.

- Cannot get out of her car and why can't she park on the curb?

-John Howard – Arlington – Red lights on Bullitt.

- Change light to flashing on 5<sup>th</sup> and Bullitt; 7<sup>th</sup> and Clay Avenue

- Van on 4<sup>th</sup> and Frothingham creates a problem turning.

Veryl Ghrist – 618 Division Street – We need code enforcement.

- Mess on Clay Avenue Extension.

Robert Carter – 50 South First Street – Listen to the needs of the people of Jeannette.

Chuck Highlands – North Second Street – New Kensington has adopted an ordinance for a license to  
rent property.

Randy Highlands – North Second Street – We are leaving ourselves open with no code officer.

Rob Fejes – 504 Beech Street – Chairman of the Redevelopment Authority

- Needs liason for Redevelopment – DePalma volunteered.

- Comments on number of code letters sent out.

- Comments on how clean Greensburg is with Code Enforcement.

Ernie DiMartino – 305 Division Street- Questioned what would happen if Item 1 is not passed under  
unfinished business.

Carlotta Paige – 311 Hickory Street – Not a lot of money for what Ed Howley does for the City.

- Please do not let this city go without a code enforcement officer.

- Suggestions on survey for initiative.

- Benefits outweigh the cost.

Bernard Berry – 4<sup>th</sup> Street – 412 North 4<sup>th</sup> – caught fire 3 years ago and needs torn down.

Jersey barrier on Clay Avenue extension should be removed from the sidewalk.

Don Tillman – 602 Baughman Avenue – Change the law regarding used car dealerships.

- Change zoning ordinance 84-4

Candy Feldmeier – Scott Avenue – She sent pics to mayor's office of neighbors yard at 826 Scott  
Avenue which has been vacant for over 30 years.

Bruce Busato – 614 Division Street – comments on his brother John to have a better attitude.

- Comment that Jeannette needs code enforcement.

Joan Fresch – 328-1/2 N. First Street – commented that the City was notified on May 21, 2008 that

MCI was closing (which was a 10 day notice) Question to Busato as to why he  
said he had only a short time to decide who was to do the code enforcement..

- Commented that the services of the city are why she moved here.

- Code enforcement is needed in the winter.

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Darlene Vukovich – 320 Margaret Street – She is in real estate and no one wants to live or buy a house in Jeannette.

- She mentioned that the clean up is being seen.

Ryan Highlands – North Second Street – Wanted to know how much grant money is lost without code Enforcement.

Sharon Herring – 1503 Penn Avenue – commented on a relative’s house that was cited in West Jeannette; everything was done to comply with the citation.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. NAACP request to close 11<sup>th</sup> and Mapleton Streets on August 9, 2008 for Arts and Heritage Day.
2. Request to block an area on Ferree Street on Saturday, July 12, 2008.
3. Request from the Hopewell Baptist Church to block off part of Chestnut Street.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to accept and file the Officer reports as presented.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso, 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**BILLS:**

A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to pay all bills presented to Council that were approved by Staff or Department Heads on invoices.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**BILLS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS – (Mayor Michael T. Cafasso)**

Verizon Wireless	211.79
The Office Connection	740.39
Tribune-Review	871.22
PC Laboratory	110.00
Westmoreland Regional Hospital	33.00
911 PC Medic	69.95
Tom Clark Ford	100.00
Norfolk Southern	82.55
Cintas First Aid	28.65
PA Chiefs of Police Association	381.00
Copier Corp. of America	33.82
The PA League of Cities	350.00
Pitney Bowes	415.94
Thomas Byerly Locksmith	5.00
Dodaro, Matta & Cambest, P.c.	3,164.30
Morrison F. Lewis, Jr.	<u>75.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6,672.61

**DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE – (COUNCILMAN J. LOUIS KOLBOSKY)**

Municipal Code Inspections, Inc.	5,355.00
The Office Connection	174.96
John P. Smarto, ESQ	1,117.50
Tribune-Review	<u>79.95</u>
TOTAL	\$6,727.41

**DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCE -MISC– (COUNCILMAN J. LOUIS KOLBOSKY)**

Broken Arrow	375.00
Jerry Gaudi, IFA	<u>800.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,175.00

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & BUILDINGS – (COUNCILMAN MARK CLARK)**

Disco Products	156.88
Ehrlich	167.96
Unifirst Corporation	59.55
RCW, Inc.	1,423.50
Excel Glass company	<u>19.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,826.89

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – (COUNCILMAN JEFFREY DEPALMA)

Lander’s Service, Inc.	2,319.29
Staley Communication	1,043.52
Murray Auto Electric	296.00
ESI Equipment, Inc.	220.00
Verizon Wireless	<u>109.46</u>
TOTAL	\$3,988.27

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & IMPROVEMENTS – (COUNCILMAN JOHN BUSATO)

Lander’s Service, Inc.	501.98
Protection Services, Inc.	2,440.00
Antonacci Design Associates, Inc.	4,237.50
James M. Cox company	807.68
Lowe’s	431.38
The Sherwin-Williams Co.	397.80
Cintas First Aid	62.30
Pitt Rental Center	396.00
Pitt Industrial Diamond Products, Inc.	307.50
Fejes Signs	65.00
Kaf-Tech Ind. Inc.	160.00
Ehrlich	65.96
Fletcher Sales and Service, Inc.	211.93
Verizon Wireless	<u>56.59</u>
TOTAL	\$10,141.62

MORE THAN ONE DEPARTMENT

CIT Technology Fin Service, Inc.	413.15
Pro Auto supply Service	333.88
Pitney Bowes	<u>1,484.04</u>
TOTAL	\$2,231.07

LIQUID FUELS

Hanson Aggregates, Inc.	1,042.03
RJF Development corp.	4,500.00
Norwin Construction Company	<u>412.56</u>
TOTAL	\$5,954.59

PARKING METER ACCOUNT

Unity Printing Co.	<u>323.71</u>
TOTAL	\$323.71

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Tribune-Review Publishing-Ad Demo 300 Block S. 6 <sup>th</sup> St.	435.38
Municipal code Inspections, Inc. Inv. #3630RDV Court-Brady	455.00
Municipal Code Inspections, Inc. Inv. 3642 RDV 700 Block Court Brady	35.00
Westmoreland Human Opportunities Inv. #CIT/54	225.00
Westmoreland Human Opportunities Inv. CIT/56 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> St. Project	796.50
Diana M. Reitz – Misc. Reimbursement Expenses	21.00
Computer connections Battery Charger – Camera Inv. 080529-31	49.95
Hayden Appraisal Service – Court case Brady RDV ;708/714 Clay	3,653.00
City of Jeannette – 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer Program #69	3,000.00
City of Jeannette – 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer Program #70	1,000.00
City of Jeannette – 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer Program #71	1,521.60
City of Jeannette – 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer Program #72	<u>2,862.98</u>
TOTAL	\$14,055.41

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mr. Kolbosky:

- Reported on monthly bills.

Mr. DePalma:

- Rich Ault to give report on clean up.
- Garbage complaints
- Mike Bertolino reported 42 incidents for the month/286 so far this year.

Mr. Busato:

- Commented on recycling oil
- Lewis Avenue Project should finish within 2 weeks – Pave in July
- Department is caught up in brush chipping.
- Painting is getting done.
- Comments on temporary employees

Mr. Clark:

- Congratulated Joe Matejevic and Fireman on MDA
- Reported on Jeannette Recreation – 105 kids registered at Altman Park.
- Selling Gift Cards at 3-15% profit to Recreation.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS: (continued)**

Mr. Cafasso:

- Apology to the taxpayers on signing the bills for hosting the Police Chief's meeting and Chief's conference in Harrisburg..
- Comments on Code Enforcement
- Occupancy Permits – All Public Safety
- Clicket or Ticket – May 15 – June 8

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Kolbosky to enter into an Interim Agreement with Building Inspection Underwriters, Inc., of 302 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Feasterville, PA 19047 for code enforcement services effective June 12, 2008. A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by Clark to adopt Bill No. 08-02 as **Ordinance No. 08-02:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING OWNERS, CUSTODIANS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS, CATS OR OTHER ANIMALS IN THE NATURE OF PETS FROM ALLOWING SUCH TO RUN AT LARGE OR TO REMAIN IN THE OPEN AT PUBLIC PARKS DURING EVENTS THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to award the demolition bid for the South Sixth Street Demolition Project 2008 to: Piccolomini Contractors, Inc., 1790 Pittsburgh Road, Post Office Box 78, Waltersburg, PA 15488 for the total contract amount of \$159,500.00

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by DePalma to open bids for property located in the alley between Gaskill Avenue and Scott Avenue, Tax Map No. 14-1-12-0-110.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

*Note: Diana Reitz opened the bid.*

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to award the bid for property between Gaskill and Scott Avenue, Tax Map No. 14-1-12-0-110 to Keith W. Barton at a price of \$400.00.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso 5  
NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (continued)**

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to ratify the hiring of Jeremy DiFonso as a temporary employee for 119 days in the Public Works Department at the rate of \$11.00 per hour per Teamster's Contract.  
A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma approving 1<sup>st</sup> Time Homebuyer Applications #69, #70, #71 and #72.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Kolbosky and seconded by Clark to approve Façade Application No. 45.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to grant permission to the Greensburg-Jeannette Branch of the NAACP to close Mapleton Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Street on August 9, 2008, between 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. to celebrate the Annual NAACP Arts and Heritage Day.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to grant permission to the citizens of a two-block area on North Second Street and Ferree Street to block off Ferree Street on Saturday, July 12, 2008, from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to hold a neighborhood block party.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to grant permission to the Hopewell Baptist Church to block off the 300-400 block of Chestnut Street on Thursday, August 14, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Area "Block Party".

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by DePalma to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, Clark, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso 5

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

City Clerk