

**JEANNETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 14, 2009
6:40 P.M.**

ORDER: Mayor Michael Cafasso called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Stella Rebitch, 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.

ABSENT WITH CAUSE: Diana Reitz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Presentation of Proclamations to Officer Justin Scalzo and Mr. Robert Little.

AGENDA:

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Kolbosky to accept the minutes of the **December 30, 2008** Regular Council meeting.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

YEA: Kolbosky, DePalma, Cafasso 3

ABSTAIN: Clark, Busato 2

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

CITIZENS:

- Veryl Ghrist – 618 Division Street – comment on garbage bags
 - comments regarding council members.
- Chuck Highlands – North Second Street – questions on the budget – When will the Dimension X Website be up and running? – What ever happened to the \$10,000 given to the group of attorneys at the beginning of 2008 for the Trigona Case?; Did we get any money back? – Question on Comcast – Question on the 4.6 Million increased to 4.9 Million. Where did the \$300,000 come from?
- Nancy Gresco – 200 North 4th Street – complaint on chained dog at 403 North 4th Street
- Robert Carter – 50 South First Street – Question on councilman visiting Sam’s Office.
- Joan Fresch – North First Street – Question if Trigona paid Clay Avenue Extension bill – (No)
 - Question on line painting – question on garbage bags
- Bruce Busato – 615 Division Street – get rid of blue stickers; change ordinance – gave council pictures of couch being pushed.
- Ron Dinsmore – 412 Jane Street – Questions on Budget – Garbage ordinance needs changed – question on extra person at Public Works Department.
- Randy Highlands – North Second Street – Thanked Officer Scalzo and Mr. Robert Little for working together to resuscitate gentleman at CoGo’s on Christmas Eve. – Question on raises.
- Robert Fejes – 504 Beech Street – comment on being reappointed to the Redevelopment Authority.
- Ernie DiMartino – 305 Division Street – question on the Zion Property demolition – question on why Ed Howley is not at the meetings?
- Bob Wolfe – 710 North First Street – What layoffs are projected?

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter of reappointment to the Redevelopment Authority – Fejes.

OFFICER REPORTS:

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

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

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BILLS:

A motion was made by Kolbosky and seconded by Clark 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: Clark, Kolbosky, DePalma, Busato, Cafasso	5
NAY: None	0

The chair declared the motion carried.

Note: Mayor Cafasso later abstained from the Ossafac Solutions Inc. invoice for \$439.86.

BILLS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

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

The Office Connection	191.13
Orange’s Auto Service	3,182.58
Hampton Office Supply	150.74
Westmoreland Regional Hospital	35.00
Westmoreland County	75.00
PC Laboratory	270.00
Laurel Ridge Bottling company	24.50
Verizon Wireless	93.47
The Jeannette Spirit	598.26
Ossafac Solutions Inc.	439.86
Verizon Wireless	<u>59.85</u>
TOTAL	\$5,120.39

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

B.I.U. of PA	2,555.00
Varine-Slavin, Inc.	250.00
Hampton Office Products	348.00
Westmoreland Law Journal	<u>52.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,205.00

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

Varine-Slavin, Inc.	<u>59,773.00</u>
TOTAL	\$59,773.00

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & BUILDINGS – (COUNCILMAN MARK CLARK)

Disco Products	127.26
RCW, Inc.	1,423.50
ABCO Fire Protection, Inc.	115.70
Laurel Ridge Bottling Company	22.00
Thomas Byerly	100.00
Unifirst Corporation	63.00
Ehrlich	<u>87.98</u>
TOTAL	\$1,939.44

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – (COUNCILMAN JEFFREY DEPALMA)

Advanced Auto Parts	128.42
Verizon Wireless	<u>351.90</u>
TOTAL	\$480.32

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & IMPROVEMENTS – (COUNCILMAN JOHN BUSATO)

Lander’s Service, Inc.	947.00
Disco Products	474.87
Antonacci Design Associates, Inc.	2,450.00
Cintas First Aid	25.13
Fejes Signs	62.00
PA One Call	59.50
Penn Oxygen, Inc.	32.01
Jupina Landscaping Inc.	582.50
Verizon Wireless	<u>112.08</u>
TOTAL	\$4,745.09

MORE THAN ONE DEPARTMENT

Spino’s Tire Service	<u>2,805.52</u>
TOTAL	\$2,805.52

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BILLS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL (CONTINUED)

LIQUID FUELS

Norwin Construction Company	<u>147.60</u>
TOTAL	\$147.60

OFF STREET PARKING REVENUE

Unity Printing Company, Inc.	<u>199.00</u>
TOTAL	\$199.00

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

City of Jeannette-General Fund Nov. 2008 Wages & Hospitalization	7,759.40
City of Jeannette-General Fund Dec. 2008 Wages & Hospitalization	7,759.40
Westmoreland County Action – CIT/65	97,753.69
Westmoreland County Action – CIT/66	98,277.41
Urban Design Ventures, LLC Month of November, 2008	1,250.00
Gary A. Falatovich, Atty, 11/1/08 to 12/2/08	660.00
Community Development Reporter	<u>360.00</u>
TOTAL	\$213,819.90

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mr. Clark:

- Reign Deer Ball
- Ten sets of golf clubs received.
- St. Patrick's Party on March 7, 2009 - \$10.00 tickets
- Comments on the Spring and Summer Program Booklets.

Mr. Kolbosky:

- Reported on Expenditures and Revenue

Mr. DePalma:

- Rich Ault gave a report on the Sanitation Department.
- Mike Bertolino gave a report on the Fire Department. (\$171,751.44 in grant monies)
- Recycling is done as of January 31, 2009. (for plastic bins located around the city)

Mr. Busato:

- Rich Ault gave a report on the Street Department.
- Trucks are running up to par
- 1,900 tons of salt last year – little over 500 ton used so far this year.

Mr. Cafasso:

- Jeff Stahl gave a report on the Police Department for 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Clark to adopt Bill No. 08-04 and **Ordinance 09-01:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR 2009 AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, HERINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE CURRENT YEAR.

Motion died for lack of second.

- A motion was made by Busato and seconded by DePalma to adopt Bill No. 08-05 as **Ordinance No. 09-02:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEANNETTE, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING AN OPEN RECORDS POLICY FOR THE CITY OF JEANNETTE PURSUANT TO ACT 3 OF 2008, THE PENNSYLVANIA RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW AS AMENDED.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

The chair declared the motion carried.

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- A motion was made by Clark to hire Donna Dulembo in the Treasurer's Office as Tax Clerk at the starting salary of \$10.00 per hour. Probation period will be 120 days. Motion died for lack of second.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by DePalma to adopt **Resolution No. 09-01:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JEANNETTE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE
WESTMORELAND COUNTY MULTI-MUNICIPAL
NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM GRANT
APPLICATION.**

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by Kolbosky and seconded by Busato to set the 2009 Regular Council Meeting Schedule at 6:30 p.m. as follows:

JANUARY	14	JULY	8
FEBRUARY	11	AUGUST	12
MARCH	11	SEPTEMBER	9
APRIL	8	OCTOBER	14
MAY	13	NOVEMBER	12 (Thursday)
JUNE	10	DECEMBER	9

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

- A motion was made by DePalma and seconded by Clark to reappoint Robert Fejes to the Jeannette Redevelopment Authority, said term to expire December 31, 2012.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Busato to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken resulting as follows:

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

NAY: None 0

The chair declared the motion carried.