



**Luzerne County Council**  
March 12, 2019  
Luzerne County Court House  
Council Meeting Room  
200 N. River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18711

**Minutes**  
**March 12, 2019 Voting Session**

**Call to Order**

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim McGinley.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**Roll Call**

**Present**

Patrick M. Bilbow  
Harry Haas  
Linda McClosky Houck  
Eugene Kelleher  
Tim McGinley  
Chris Perry  
Sheila Saidman, Esq.  
Robert Schnee  
Stephen A. Urban (arrived at 6:06PM)  
Matthew Vough  
Jane Walsh Waitkus

**Also Present**

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager  
Romilda P. Crocamo, Chief County Solicitor  
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

**Romilda Crocamo stated there was an Executive Session held prior to the meeting regarding collective bargaining and personnel matters.**

**Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations**

None

**Additions to/Deletions from Voting Session Agenda**

None

**Adoption of Voting Session Agenda**

**Motion to Adopt:** Ms. Waitkus

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Vote:**

**Mr. Stephen A. Urban had not arrived yet.**

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

**The Voting Session Agenda is adopted (10-0)**

**Public Comment on Voting Session Agenda Items**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Motion to adopt minutes of the February 26, 2019 Voting Meeting**

**Motion by:** Mr. Kelleher

**Second:** Mr. Perry

**Vote:**

**Mr. Stephen A. Urban had not arrived yet.**

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (10-0)**

**The February 26, 2019 Voting Meeting Minutes are Adopted**

**1. Motion to adopt ordinance amending the Luzerne County Zoning Map to re-zone a 0.70 acre parcel of property in Union Township from Construction District (C-1) Zone to a Highway Business District (B-3) Zone**

**Motion by:** Ms. Waitkus

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Stephen A. Urban had not arrived yet.**

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

**Ordinance is Adopted (10-0)**

**2. Motion to approve Letter of Support for Friends of Camp Louise**

**Motion by:** Mr. Kelleher

**Second:** Mr. Bilbow

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Stephen A. Urban had not arrived yet.**

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (10-0)**

**3. Motion to adopt resolution declaring a vacancy on the Luzerne County**

**Transportation Authority**

**Motion by:** Mr. Kelleher

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Stephen A. Urban had not arrived yet.**

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

**Resolution is Adopted (10-0)**

**Mr. Stephen A. Urban arrived at 6:06PM**

**Public Comment**

**Matt Vough** spoke about opioids and overdose deaths. Mr. Vough stated he has been meeting with various people across the county to educate himself on what needs to be done and what he can do personally as a council person to help. He stated most think it is a funding issue but the Federal Government has been sending money down to Drug & Alcohol Program and they have been working hard to educate those who are suffering. Mr. Vough stated he wanted to help educate the public on what they have been doing. He commented on the Drug Recovery Support Center and stated that once a month he will update everyone on this matter. Mr. Vough personally offered his support to anyone who needs it.

**Eugene Kelleher** spoke about a group he belongs to and the speaker at their last meeting, Mr. Carmen Ambrosino. Mr. Kelleher stated Mr. Ambrosino said it was his calling to help those addicted and he was very eloquent and knowledgeable.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Mr. Schnee

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:10 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Lawrence  
Clerk of Council

\* Audio of this meeting can be found in its entirety on the County Council webpage <http://www.luzernecounty.org/county/luzerne-county-council> or by contacting the Office of the Clerk of Council at (570) 825-1634 or via email to [sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org](mailto:sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org)