



**Luzerne County Council
Voting Session
September 27, 2022
Council Meeting Room
Luzerne County Court House
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
AND
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on September 27, 2022 at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kendra Radle.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

Carl Bienias
Kevin Lescavage
John Lombardo
Lee Ann McDermott
Tim McGinley
Matt Mitchell
Chris Perry
Kendra M. Radle
Brian Thornton
Stephen J. Urban (virtually)
Gregory S. Wolovich, Jr.

Also Present

Randy Robertson, County Manager
Harry Skene, Chief County Solicitor
Shannon Crake-Lapsansky, Assistant Solicitor (virtually)
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Recognitions and Ceremonial Proclamations

Chair Radle announced that earlier today County Manager Robertson held an Employee Recognition Event for employees that have been with Luzerne County and the Luzerne County Courts. She noted that Judge Vough was there as well. Chair Radle named the employees who received proclamations at the ceremony:

Kristyn C. Tokash, Courts 46 years
Vincent Alessandri, Domestic Relations 46 years
Nancy E. Gaughan, District Courts 46 years
John Leighton, Domestic relations 43 years
Michael J Dessoie, District Attorney's Office 43 years
Joseph J Yeager, Public Defender 42 years
Joseph P Cotter, Domestic Relations 41 years
Linda Sorber, District Courts 41 years
Catherine A Hilsher, Community Development 41 years
Michael J Beckley, Building & Grounds 41 years
Christina Kleckner, Domestic Relations 40 years
Ann Marie Braskey, Probation Services 40 years
Ann Marie Coughlin, District Courts 40 years
Chair Radle congratulated everyone and thanked them for their service.

Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

NONE

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt Voting Session Agenda by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Ms. McDermott

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

The Voting Session Agenda is Adopted

Public Comment on Agenda Items

WRITTEN comments are submitted electronically via EMAIL or ZOOM. A copy of the full written comment for each speaker is posted under the corresponding meeting agenda. **VERBAL** comments can be heard in their entirety by accessing the public comment portion of the meeting recording posted next to the meeting agenda.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion to adopt minutes of the September 13, 2022 Voting Session

Motion by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Bienias

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

The September 13, 2022 Voting Session Minutes are Adopted

Agenda Items

1. Motion to adopt ordinance Amending the 2022 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County (Election Integrity Grant)

Motion to adopt ordinance with amendments by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Ms. McDermott

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Ordinance is Adopted

2. Motion to introduce Ordinance Amending the Luzerne County Zoning Map to Re-Zone One Parcel of Property totaling 41.17 acres in Newport Township from MI, Mining District Zone to R-2, Two Family Residence District Zone

Motion to introduce ordinance by: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Bienias

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Ordinance is Introduced

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

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Amy Bezek (Edwardsville) commented Verbally regarding the ARPA money, small business grants and her ARPA grant request.

Joe McCabe (Exeter) commented Verbally regarding the WVSA tax and Lackawanna County.

Diane Cowman (Kingston) commented Verbally regarding the ARPA money and consideration for her grant.

David Griggs (Works but does not reside in Luzerne County) commented Verbally regarding his arrest, recovery and the assistance and support he received from TJ Fitzgerald.

TJ Fitzgerald (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding the appointment to the County Cares Commission, his Felony and the opinion regarding Felonies and Authorities, Boards and Commissions.

**Chair Radle read Public Comment Email from:
Cindy Brannan**

Motion to adjourn: Mr. McGinley

Second: Ms. McDermott

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 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