

**Jefferson Borough**

P.O. Box 87  
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**Meeting Minutes**

**January 7, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:** At 4:45 PM, President Jeff Coneybeer called the meeting of the Jefferson Borough Council to order at 168 Washington Street, Jefferson, Greene County, Pennsylvania. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** President Jeff Coneybeer, Vice-President Pam Phillips and Mayor Dale Harshman were present. Council members Lance Sahady (who entered the meeting at 5:15 p.m.), Jeffrey Coneybeer, Jr. and Joshua Forman were also present. Also attending the meeting was LMJSA Board member Tim Phillips, Tax Collector Signa Coneybeer, Brian Lake of K2 Engineering, Heath Muscavich representing SPWA union, Solicitor Dennis Makel and Secretary-Treasurer Relda Litten.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mr. Forman and seconded by Mr. Coneybeer, Jr. to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2024 meeting and the motion carried with all in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Lake spoke about grant money available to the borough for various projects including a possible pavilion and an outdoor learning center. A boundary survey and a site plan need to be done first. A motion was made by Ms. Phillips with a second from Mr. Coneybeer, Jr. to approve K2 Engineering to do a site plan and the motion carried with all in favor.

Mr. Muscavich spoke about wanting to make the borough council aware since the borough has three members on the SPWA board, of a union member from SPWA getting fired in December and the problems occurring.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Mr. Coneybeer, seconded by Mr. Phillips to go into Executive Session and the motion carried with all in favor.

A motion to come out of executive session and continue the meeting was made by Mr. Coneybeer, seconded by Ms. Phillips and the meeting continued with all in favor.

**BILLS AND PAYROLL:** A motion to approve all salaries and bills for the month of January was made by Mr. Forman and seconded by Ms. Phillips and the motion carried.

**REPORTS:** President: Mr. Coneybeer stated the Christmas event went well. Mr. Makel donated chocolate lollipops which were a big hit as well. There were pictures with Santa and the Grinch was there, too.

Mayor: Mr. Harshman stated he is still trying to get the sign painted.

Special Events: The building is rented out this Saturday.

Legal: None

Code Enforcement Officer: Mr. Gordon phoned and gave his report for the month. He has filed a citation against Josh Policz and sent hearing notices to the two complaint signers to also attend the hearing on Monday. And as of Friday, Ms. Baker has not responded to her summons.

COG: None

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SPWA Rep: Mr. Phillips noted the water company had a good year last year, being \$6.5 million better than the year before. They want to upgrade the pump station at the river this year as well.

LTMJSA: Mr. Forman noted the sewage company had a budget meeting and are looking into purchasing a new truck this year.

It was also noted that Mountain State Waste who took over for Arnold has not picked up the garbage yet.

**ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND LOT SPLITS:** A motion was made by Mr. Coneybeer, Jr. seconded by Mr. Forman to table the Solar Ordinance until a hearing has been held and the motion carried with all in favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The street signs still need to be installed. Howard Contracting has been notified about the furnace situation, too. The purchase of cameras is on hold, as well.

A discussion was held on 154B Washington Street, Ms. Baker. Mr. Sahady spoke about wanting her to go into treatment and the problems he is having trying to get that accomplished as she has nowhere to go if evicted. A motion was made by Mr. Coneybeer Jr., seconded by Mr. Coneybeer to direct the solicitor to look at the court order and send to Judge Dayich a letter and petition to have Ms. Baker removed and get treatment and the motion carried with all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Coneybeer passed council a letter from him and a letter from Mr. Phillips both requesting to be appointed to a term of 5 years on the Southwestern Pennsylvania Water Authority Board. A motion was made by Mr. Forman to nominate Mr. Coneybeer. A motion was made to appoint Mr. Phillips was made by Mr. Sahady. A motion to close the nominations was made by Mr. Forman, seconded by Mr. Sahady and the motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Coneybeer, Mr. Coneybeer Jr., and Ms. Phillips abstained. The Mayor, Mr. Harshman broke the tie by voting for Mr. Coneybeer who stated he wants to work with the union.

A motion was made by Mr. Forman to nominate Mr. Phillips to another five-year term to Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority, seconded by Mr. Coneybeer, Jr. and the motion carried with all in favor. Ms. Phillips abstained.

A motion was made to set limit of \$500 to be spent at one time at Dry Tavern Hardware was made by Mr. Coneybeer, Jr., seconded by Mr. Forman and the motion carried with all in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at the call of the chair at 6:10 p.m. with a motion by Ms. Phillips and a second from Mr. Sahady and the motion carried with all in favor.

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By: Relda K. Litten, Sec/Treas