

Jermyn Borough

Council Meeting

10/17/2023

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Jermyn Borough Building, 440 Jefferson Ave. Jermyn, PA 18433.

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Kulick with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following members were present: Frank Kulick, Trish Dabney, Kevin Napoli, Jeff Morcom, Carl Tomaine, Robert Hunt, Chris Cook. Mayor Fuga and Attorney Representative Brendan Fitzgerald were also present. KBA, Bob Chase, NEIC, Jim Perry, Nicole Stephens, and Stanley Hallowich were absent.

Minutes: K. Napoli made a motion to accept the minutes of 9/21/23 as presented, seconded by J. Morcom. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Bills Payable: S. Lee read the treasurer's report:

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

American Rescue Plan Fund	135,730.39
Capital Reserve - DPW	729.48
Capital Reserve - Police	5,339.82
Crime Watch Fund	222.69
General Fund - Community	102,175.61
General Fund - FNB	6,659.52
Holiday Lights Fund	1,459.09
Investment - General Fund	1,050.24
Investment - Liquid Fuels	23,124.18
Investment - Paving Fund	1,061.17
Investment - Recycling	116.00
Investment - Refuse	165.39
Liquid Fuels - FNB	35,512.56
Petty Cash	223.00
Recreations Fund	28,537.25
Recycling - Community	3,163.93
Refuse Checking - FNB	130,871.85
Total Checking/Savings	476,142.17

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

200000 - Accounts Payable	7,957.17
Long Term Debt	160,467.74

A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and pay bills by K. Napoli. Seconded by J. Morcom. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ratify Bill Paid on 10/10/23: Motion was made to accept bills paid on 10/10/23 by C. Tomaine. Seconded by T. Dabney. All in favor, motion carried.

Secretary Report: S. Lee reported to the council the following information.

- 2021 904 Performance Recycling Grant, our estimated grant award for 2021 is \$4,235.09. For the 2022 904 Performance Recycling Grant, our estimated grant award is \$4,8911.04, We should receive payment in 4 to 6 weeks.
- We also got the grant reimbursement for the \$20K for the DPW garage floor project.

Correspondence: F. Kulick read a letter received from the Veterans Day Committee, advising that they will be holding a ceremony on Saturday, November 11th, starting at 11:00 am at the World War I Park. Bridge St will be closed off for this ceremony between 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Public Comment: None

Professional Reports:

Police: Absent

Fire: None

EMA: None

Solicitor: B. Fitzgerald advises that they should be getting back the appraisals this week for the Rushbrook Creek project. Once they get this, they can file what they need to with the courts for just compensation.

Code Enforcement: None

Grants: None

Zoning: Absent

Engineer: Absent

Tax Collector: Absent

Mayor: T. Fuga advised that he has gotten a few messages the past couple of weeks about loose dogs again. One particular dog as we are all aware of, so I would like for us to check back into what is needed for the police department to be able to take animals to the shelter when they are not picked up from the borough promptly and/or the weather does not permit us to use the outside kennel.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: There will be a zoning hearing to be held for St. Michael's Hall on October 25th.

Public Safety: None

Finance: None

Shade Tree: None

Grants: None

MS4: None

DPW: T. Fuga advised that he has been working on the newly acquired retention pond, and he wanted to advise that it will need a permanent drainage structure installed, as there is still only a temporary one installed.

Recreations: S. Lee advised that the Gym outer doors have been repaired, and are securing properly.

Also, just wanted to remind everyone that next week they will be here redoing the gym floor, and the gym will be closed for 10 days.

Finally, I will be looking into filing/submitting the recreation committee for a tax-exempt non-profit organization. I will most likely be working with Brian Kelly's office, which does our financial audit, to help complete and submit my application.

Mellow court paving award: F. Kulick advised that we have received the three telephonic quotes required to have this project completed. First is from Maiocco Excavating, Inc. with a quote of \$25,500.00, Second from Andrew Baldan Construction, LLC. A quote of \$26,000.00, and our third quote came from Rock Bottom Construction with a quote of \$22,500.00.

A motion was made by F. Kulick to accept the quote from Rock Bottom for \$22,500.00 to pave mellow court, with the condition that it gets completed this year. Seconded by J. Morcom. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Norlack agreement: Motion was made to pass ordinance # 15-2023. Which is for providing for an agreement of intergovernmental cooperation for multi-municipal comprehensive planning and implementation by the borough of Jermyn and the adjacent municipalities of the city of Carbondale, Carbondale township, Greenfield township, and Mayfield borough by K. Napoli. Seconded by C. Cook. All in favor, motion

Budget Discussion: F. Kulick advised that there will be a meeting held before the November meeting so that we can pass an advertisement for the proposed budget at the November meeting.

Executive session: Council convened into executive session at 7:26 pm to discuss litigation matters. Council reconvened from executive session at 8:04 pm.

Police Chief contract: K. Napoli made A motion to offer the five-year service contract to the police chief, William Arthur. Seconded by C. Tomaine. Members in Favor 5, Members Opposed 2, Motion carried.

Police Officers Employment Contract: K. Napoli made A motion to have our solicitor create a five-year service contract for our full time Officers offering them a raise over the five-year contract of 5% the first year and 3.5% the remaining four years, along with a payment of \$600.00 towards life insurance, 30 days PTO with a max of 60 day carry over, and the same court pay as the Chief. With the stipulation that they withdraw their request for collective bargaining. Seconded by C. Tomaine. Members in Favor 5, Members Opposed 2, Motion carried

New business: None

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by K. Napoli. Seconded by J. Morcom. All members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shannon Lee".

Shannon Lee, Secretary/ Treasurer