

Jermyn Borough

Council Meeting

10/27/2022

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2022, 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 Pro Tem Dan Markey with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes: A motion was made by K. Napoli to accept the minutes of 9/15/22 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

Capital Reserve - DPW	10,727.54
Capital Reserve - Police	4,826.82
Crime Watch Fund	222.69
General Fund – Community	226,449.65
General Fund – FNB	5,891.51
Holiday Lights Fund	1,424.09
Investment - General Fund	1,006.31
Investment - Liquid Fuels	33,975.79
Investment - Paving Fund	1,016.76
Investment - Recycling	5,027.35
Investment - Refuse	2,612.66
Liquid Fuels - FNB	31,001.65
Petty Cash	231.00
Recreations Fund	21,624.34
Recycling - Community	11,525.36
Refuse Checking - FNB	94,654.91
Total Checking/Savings	452,218.43

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

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Long Term Debt	245,818.13
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A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and pay bills by C. Tomaine. Seconded by J. Morcom. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ratify Bill Paid on 10/3/22: Motion was made to accept bills paid on 10/3/22 by J. Morcom. Seconded by K. Napoli. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: D. Markey read a letter from the Lackawanna County Association of Boroughs about their dinner and meeting that will be held on November 17 at 6:30 pm.

D. Markey then read a letter from PennDOT regarding the borough's estimated liquid fuels allocation for 2023.

Followed by a letter from the Veterans Day Committee- About the Ceremony that will be held on November 11th at the World War I Veterans Park at 11 am.

Public Comment: Robyn Smith – Advise that she will be running a Christmas light parade like in years past. With councils approval

A motion was made by J. Morcom to approve the Christmas Light Parade to be held December 10th at 6 pm and the use of the Gym. Seconded by K. Napoli. All in favor, motion carried.

-7:15- Bob Chase arrived at the meeting

Garbage Removal Bid Openings: D. Markey opened the first bid from GFL/County Waste with a bid amount of \$1,337,400.00, and after proceeded to open the second bid from Mascaro, who submitted a bid amount of \$ 1,324,121.00. Both are based on the bid specs that were presented. After the Bids were opened and read to the council, it was announced that Mascaro came in at a lower Price, however, the council also found that the bid specs that had been sent out were not updated correctly in regards to the alternate bid section.

Do to this council discussed correcting the Bid Specs and having it resent out for Bidding.

A motion was made by K. Napoli to reject the submitted garbage bids and Re-Bid. Seconded by J. Morcom. All in favor, motion carried.

Professional Reports:

Police: Absent

Fire: None

EMA: None

Solicitor: B. Fitzgerald advised that they are still working on the properties on 427 Washington Ave, and a new address was found for a new property owner, so a letter has been sent out. The 423-425 address we are still working on locating the owners. Also, the Rushbrook Creek easements are starting to come in little by little. There is a property that is in the hands of the Lackawanna County tax claim bureau; the solicitor's office suggests that the borough purchase this property directly to save on legal costs.

A motion was made by J. Morcom to draw up a resolution to allow the solicitor's office to collect the appropriate paperwork to purchase this property. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by K. Napoli for a resolution to allow for two meeting events for the Rushbrook Creek Easements to be advertised. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Absent

Grants: None

Zoning: B. Chase, no major projects going on in town, just basic zoning permits for fences.

Engineer: Absent

Tax Collector: Absent

Mayor: None

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: None

Public Safety: None

Finance: C. Tomaine, we submitted our changes for the insurance renewal quote.

Shade Tree: None

Grants: None

MS4: None

DPW: We have a tree on Davis Ct that is dead and needs to come down. It is too large for DPW to take it down, so we need to try and get some quotes.

Mellow Court: The Borough received three quotes for the retention pipe, consisting of Mobilization, providing installation of 100LF of 36" perforated HDPE pipe, Installation of 2 concrete precast inlets, Backfilling pipe with AASHTO #57 Stone, Placement, and compaction of 2A modified for road subbase. The first quote was from Machiesky Construction for \$21,300.00, the Second quote from ABC Construction for \$23,200.00, and the third quote from Rock Bottom Construction for \$23,500.00.

A motion was made by J. Morcom to award the Mellow Court project to Machiesky Construction for \$21,300.00. Seconded by K. Napoli. All in favor, motion carried.

Recreations: None

Chicken Ordinance: A motion was made by J. Morcom to pass Ordinance #07-2022 to allow the maximum number of Hens to be eight from four. Seconded by K. Napoli. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Chelik: D. Markey read a letter that will be sent to Mayor Chelik on behalf of the Jermyn borough council, and requested everyone to sign.

American Rescue Fund Dollars: A motion was made by J. Morcom to conditionally allow \$25,000.00 from the American Rescue Fund to be split up evenly for \$5,000.00 to go to each of the five active nonprofit churches within the town. Seconded by K. Napoli. All in favor, motion carried.

Regional Police: K. Napoli advised that they attended the meeting that was held, and the council agrees that this would cost the borough too much more money and possibly have less service.

A motion was made by K. Napoli to send a letter stating that Jermyn Borough is backing out of the Regional police proposition. Seconded by J. Morcom. All in favor, motion carried.

Comcast Update: The project is going well, and they plan to have part of the town up by the end of November and the whole town by the end of the year.

LSA Grant Resolution 10-2022- Woodlands Sewer & Paving project Phase 2: A motion was made by C. Tomaine to pass resolution 10-2022 for an LSA Grant Woodlands Sewer & Paving Project Phase 2 for the amount of \$292,000.00. Seconded by K. Napoli. All in favor, motion carried

New Business: None

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by J. Morcom. Seconded by K. Napoli. All members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Shannon Lee,

Secretary/ Treasurer