

Jermyn Borough

Council Meeting

11/17/2022

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Thursday, November 17, 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 President Frank Kulick with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Minutes:** A motion was made by K. Napoli to accept the minutes of 10/27/22 as presented, seconded by J. Morcom. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report/Bills Payable:** D. Markey read the treasurer's report:

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Capital Reserve - DPW	10,727.54
Capital Reserve - Police	4,871.82
Crime Watch Fund	222.69
General Fund – Community	127,500.65
General Fund – FNB	5,894.76
Holiday Lights Fund	1,424.09
Investment - General Fund	1,008.30
Investment - Liquid Fuels	34,042.85
Investment - Paving Fund	1,018.77
Investment - Recycling	5,037.27
Investment - Refuse	2,617.82
Liquid Fuels - FNB	5,689.72
Petty Cash	231.00
Recreations Fund	22,830.34
Recycling - Community	11,525.36
Refuse Checking - FNB	56,481.50
Total Checking/Savings	291,124.48

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

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Long Term Debt	245,665.90

A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and pay bills by C. Tomaine. Seconded by D. Markey. All members in favor. Motion carried.

**Ratify Bill Paid on 11/7/22:** Motion was made to accept bills paid on 11/7/22 by J. Morcom. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion carried.

Bob Chase Arrived: 7:05 pm.

**Correspondence:** F. Kulick read a letter from Griffin Pond animal shelter advising that there is a fee of \$110.00 for any animals dropped off by the borough. D. Markey advised that this should not be an issue, as we have our kennel at the borough building to avoid any fees.

F. Kulick then read a letter from the Lackawanna County Dept of Planning & Economic Development. A year ago, we received a 5K grant that we need to spend before the end of the year. B. Fitzgerald advises that we can use it towards legal fees and declarations of taking we may have from the Rushbrook Creek Project.

**Public Comment:** Debbie Seiboldt- 447 Delaware St. came to council requesting a street light be put on her street.

Joanne Wilson thanked the council and Frank for their assistance with the Veterans Day Event. And she also wanted to remind everyone about the Christmas Light Parade on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Concert on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Presentations:** F. Kulick addressed the five active churches within our community, and advised that at our 10/27/22 Council meeting council voted to donate \$5,000 to each of the 5 active churches in our community. These funds are coming from the American Rescue Plan funds made available to the borough by the federal government. We felt that because of COVID, the churches lost some of their fundraising opportunities, and this, in a small way, will help ease that loss. This donation, as per the guidelines of the Department of the Treasury, must be used for non-religious purposes such as utilities, rents, and other operating expenses.

**Garbage Contract:** F. Kulick advised that the council was moving to rescind the motion to re-bid and accept the bids as originally submitted.

A motion was made by K. Napoli to rescind his motion made on 10/27/22 to rebid the garbage contracts. Seconded by D. Markey. All members in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by K. Napoli to award the 3-year garbage bid/contract to Mascaro. Seconded by D. Markey. All members in favor. Motion carried.

**Professional Reports:**

Police: Absent

Fire: None

EMA: None

Solicitor: B. Fitzgerald discussed the property purchase from the tax claim that needs a resolution, and advised that we have 20 parcels/ resolutions for declarations of taking that we can do as a group/ bulk so that everything is prepared for possible future proceedings.

A motion was made by J. Morcom to pass resolution 11-2022 approving the purchase of a real estate parcel at tax sale instead of condemnation. Seconded by K. Napoli. All members in favor. Motion carried.

C. Tomaine made a motion to pass resolutions 12-2022 through 30-2022 to authorize the filing of a declaration of taking to construct and maintain a flood control project. Seconded by K. Napoli. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Absent

Grants: None

Zoning: Absent

Engineer: Absent

Tax Collector: Absent

Mayor: None

**Committee Reports:**

Planning Commission: None

Public Safety: None

Finance: None

Shade Tree: None

Grants: None

MS4: None

DPW: None

Recreations: Absent

**2023 Budget:** The Budget Is ready for review, and there will be no tax increase for 2023.

A motion was made by J. Morcom to advertise that the 2023 budget will be available for inspection until passage on 12/15/22 at the borough building. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All members in favor. Motion carried.

**Rushbrook Creek Easements:** There will be an open house held at the borough, which will be advertised for those residents who may have questions or concerns holding them back from signing the agreements.

**Insurance Renewal:** F. Kulick advised that this was completed

**New Business:** F. Kulick wanted to address the tree located at Roosevelt and Lincoln Ave, and stated it would need to be taken down as it is causing damage to the property. Joanne Wilson said the shade tree committee would get prices to take down the tree.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn by K. Napoli. Seconded by J. Morcom. All members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Shannon Lee, Secretary/ Treasurer