

Jermyn Borough
Council Minutes
April 18, 2024

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2024, 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 Robert Hunt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes: A motion was made by J. Morcom to accept the minutes of 3/21/2024 as presented, and seconded by T. Dabney. 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	135,750.78
Capital Reserve - DPW	909.55
Capital Reserve - Police	5,439.82
Crime Watch Fund	222.69
General Fund - Community	51,596.51
General Fund - FNB	5,946.20
Holiday Lights Fund	1,459.09
Investment - General Fund	1,078.38
Investment - Liquid Fuels	23,743.85
Investment - Paving Fund	1,089.61
Investment - Recycling	119.09
Investment - Refuse	169.82
Liquid Fuels - FNB	62,427.90
Petty Cash	196.50
Recreations Fund	27,197.24
Recycling - Community	3,468.14
Refuse Checking - FNB	36,661.18

Total Checking/Savings 357,476.35

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

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Long Term Debt 164,055.99

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

Ratify Bill Paid on 4/8/24: Motion was made to accept bills paid on 4/8/24 by T. Dabney. Seconded by C. Cook. All in favor, motion carried.

Secretary Report: None

Correspondence: R. Hunt read a letter received from Jerry Bruno advising of his interest in the open council seat. Next was a letter from Archabald Hose Company No. 1 advising if their merger into Archabald Community Ambulance and Rescue squad. The last letter was from councilman Carl Tomaine, requesting to step down as the Chair of the finance committee do to time constraints and other obligations.

The motion was made to accept Carl Tomain's resignation as chair of the finance committee by J. Morcom. Seconded by T. Dabney. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: Bobbie Davis, 334 Mckinley Ave. and Leslie Stefalo 326 McKinley Ave. where looking for approval from council to be able to block off part of the road in front of their houses on July 6th for the purpose of a joint graduation party for both their kids that will be graduating this year. Council approved as long as there is room for emergency vehicles to get by if needed.

Sarah Cain, 704 Madison Ave., addressed the council and wanted to make sure that they were aware of the incident involving her being struck by a car on Rushbrook St. on March 26th, 2024. Her reason for this is because her second child was struck by a car on this road, and would like to know if the council would be looking into any safety measures to stop this from happening going forward. Council advised that they will contact PennDOT to see what safety measures can be done or are allowed to be done by the borough, and that they can follow up with her as to any updates.

Professional Reports:

Police: Absent

Fire: Absent

EMA: Absent

Solicitor: B. Fitzgerald wanted to advise that the resolutions that we will be passing later in the meeting are for properties that are the stragglers, several are for parcels that are just creek beds that at some point were separated from the property deeds, most likely when sold.

Code Enforcement: Absent

Grants: None

Zoning: Absent

Engineer: Absent

Tax Collector: Absent

Mayor: Absent

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: None

Public Safety: T. Dabney stated she has been receiving quite a few complaints about the speeding on Rushbrook, and would like to setup a meeting with Chief Arthur to go over this and see what could be done.

J. Morcom also requested that the police department be advised and to look out for people parking between the no-parking signs out front of the Crystal Fire Company. As they have been starting to see more people ignore the signs, and had an issue last month when they went to go out on a call.

Mayor: None

Finance: None

Shade Tree: None

Grants: None

MS4: R. Hunt advised that he will be meeting with Dave from KBA, who is going to help go over this information and help explain it further.

DPW: None

Recreations: None

Purchase of LED lights for basketball court: Motion to accept the purchase of the LED solar lights for the basketball court at the park using the recreation account by J. Morcom. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion carried.

Advertisement of open council seat: Motion to allow the advertisement of the open council seat by C. Tomaine. Seconded by C. Cook. All in favor, motion carried.

Rushbrook resolution: Motion to pass resolutions 02-2024 through 07-2024, a resolution of the council of Jermyn, county of Lackawanna, commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to authorize the filing of a declaration of taking to construct and maintain a flood control project by T. Dabney. Seconded by J. Morcom. All in favor, motion carried.

Revised garbage ordinance: Motion to pass ordinance 08-2024- an ordinance amending ordinance no. 02-2020, providing for. The charge and collection of fees for the collection and disposal of refuse, and providing penalties. For the violation of the provisions of this ordinance as presented by J. Morcom. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion carried.

New business: R. Hunt wanted to discuss a bill received from KBA for the engineering fees from the Elevator project, as it is \$20,275.00. If the council agrees, he is going to ask if payments can be made against this bill, but wanted to agree as to how quickly everyone would like to see it paid off. Everyone agreed upon a year and a half to keep the payments low.

Last, we received an Arbor Day proclamation, which will be approved and signed by Mayor Fuga, declaring April 20, 2024, as Arbor Day.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by J. Morcom. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Lee, Secretary/ Treasurer