

Jermyn Borough
Council Minutes
May 15, 2025

The Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. 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, Jeff Morcom, Carl Tomaine, Kevin Napoli, and Chris Cook. Mayor Fuga and Attorney Brendan Fitzgerald were also present. Bobbi Ann Davis, Mark Kilmer, Shannon Lee, KBA, Bob Chase, NEIC, Jim Perry, Nicole Stephens, and Stanley Hallowich were absent

Minutes: C. Tomaine made a motion to accept the minutes of 4/17/25 as presented, and J. Morcom seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Bills Payable: F. Kulick read the treasurer's report:

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

American Rescue Plan Fund	94,586.93
Capital Reserve - DPW	1,083.74
Capital Reserve - Police	6,539.82
Crime Watch Fund	222.69
General Fund - Community	157,019.95
General Fund - FNB	3,726.15
Holiday Lights Fund	400.59
Investment - General Fund	1,137.34
Investment - Liquid Fuels	25,041.76
Investment - Paving Fund	1,149.17
Investment - Recycling	125.59
Investment - Refuse	179.09
Liquid Fuels - FNB	54,156.43
Petty Cash	194.00
Recreations Fund	30,051.16
Recycling - Community	6,396.07
Refuse Checking - FNB	137,101.58
 Total Checking/Savings	 519,112.06

Accounts Payable

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Long Term Debt	80,180.58

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

Ratified Bills Paid on 5/6/25: Motion was made to accept bills paid on 5/6/25 by C. Cook. Seconded by J. Morcom. All in favor, motion carried.

Presentations: Mayor Fuga presented Michael Gavalis with a certificate of recognition for outstanding bravery and dedication to the safety of the local community. The second one was for Stanley Hallowich, who was not able to attend. Lastly, a certificate of congratulations was presented to the Crystal Fire Company on celebrating their 140th anniversary and for being one of the oldest fire companies within our commonwealth.

Secretary Report: F. Kulick advised Shannon left a note for her secretary report, wanting to let us know that our 3-year inspection is due on the elevator, and the cost will be \$1,245.00.

Correspondence: F. Kulick read a letter received from Mary Liz Desanto in regards to the Act 167 county-wide stormwater management plan agreement. K. Napoli accepted to serve as the representative to serve on the watershed advisory committee.

Public Comment: Tom Terpak from the 400 block of Madison Ave. has come in concerned about the property next door to his. He has voiced his issues to the council and the mayor, but was told we needed to appoint a code enforcement officer to take care of the property maintenance issues. The council advised that they will take action on the issue.

Next was Mark Cordelli from Lackawanna County, who wanted to update the council on the upcoming events within the county and provided flyers to be posted at the borough.

Last was Stacy Cook, who wanted to introduce herself to the council and advise them that she plans on running for the open Mayor position at the upcoming elections on Tuesday.

Professional Reports:

Police: Absent

Fire: None

EMA: Absent

Solicitor: B. Fitzgerald wanted to advise about the meeting that was held Monday with the State in regards to the Rushbrook Creek project. Everything seems to be on track and still moving forward.

Code Enforcement: NA

Grants: None

Zoning: absent

Engineer: Absent

Tax Collector: Absent

Mayor: None

Committee Reports: F. Kulick advised that he wants to try something different with committees, and only place two council members on each committee. This way, any other council member who would like to attend would be able to, or if requested/required by the committee, they are able. This is so we can ensure there is only a max of three members meeting at a time, and to prevent a quorum.

Committee Assignments: F. Kulick announced the committees.

Planning: Mark Kilmer, Jeff Morcom

Public Safety: Kevin Napoli, Jeff Morcom

Finance: Bobbi Ann Davis, Chris Cook

Shade Tree: Bobbi Ann Davis, Mark Kilmer

Grants: Frank Kulick, Shannon Lee

MS4: Kevin Napoli, Chris Cook

DPW: Carl Tomaine, Kevin Napoli

Recreations: Shannon Lee

Rushbrook Creek project update: F. Kulick went over in more detail what was discussed at the meeting. It sounds like everything should be in place by the fall, so the project should be able to be put out for bid and start next spring.

Code Enforcement: F. Kulick would like to re-advertise for this position to see if we could pull some more interest in the open position.

New business: A. Fuga wanted to seek some direction, being Memorial Day will be coming up, in regards to the hometown hero banners and if they were going to be put up again. When the program originated, the banners were to be placed up for three years, then returned to the families that purchased them. We are coming up on year five, and some are starting to show some severe signs of wear, so we would like to know if they should be placed out again this year. F. Kulick said he would reach out to Shade Tree to see what should be done, and when the flags will be given back to the families.

A. Fuga advised that Shade Tree had gotten a quote for the trees out front of the borough building to be trimmed, the quote came back at \$150.00 per tree, which will total \$1650.00. Council decided to table this at this time, till they get more information.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by J. Morcom. Seconded by K. Napoli. All members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Shannon Lee, Secretary/ Treasurer