

Jermyn Borough

Council Meeting

5/19/2022

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Thursday, May 19, 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, Trish Dabney, Jeff Morcom, Carl Tomaine, Bob Chase. Attorney Larry Moran is also present. Kevin Napoli, Robert Hunt, Kyra Davey, Mayor Fuga, KBA, NEIC, Jim Perry, Nicole Stephens, and Stanley Hallowich were absent.

**Minutes:** C. Tomaine made a motion to accept the minutes of 4/28/22 as presented, 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

Capital Reserve - DPW	10,726.47
Capital Reserve - Police	4,651.82
Crime Watch Fund	222.69
General Fund – Community	322,990.36
General Fund – FNB	4,732.62
Holiday Lights Fund	1,374.09
Investment - General Fund	1,001.72
Investment - Liquid Fuels	33,820.62
Investment - Paving Fund	1,012.11
Investment - Recycling	5,004.39
Investment - Refuse	2,600.72
Liquid Fuels - FNB	56,303.25
Petty Cash	231.00
Recreations Fund	19,381.24
Recycling - Community	10,063.44
Refuse Checking - FNB	121,552.11
Total Checking/Savings	595,698.65

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

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Long Term Debt 327,580.78

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.

**Ratify Bill Paid on 5/10/22:** Motion was made to accept bills paid on 5/10/22 by J. Morcom. Seconded by T. Dabney. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Kyle Mullins had attended the meeting as he wanted to introduce himself directly to the council. And advise that he is aware of the needs of Jermyn with the Rushbrook Creek project and the small water and sewer. He is here to offer his help with any questions or concerns the council might have while trying to accomplish the upcoming projects Jermyn faces.

Joanne Willson representing Shad Tree, Events committee, American Legion, etc. She gave council an update on the up and upcoming activities and events that will be happening in Jermyn. And also requesting a Jermyn-wide events calendar, to help prevent the overlapping of dinners & bake sales, etc, to try and ensure everyone gets the best outcome.

**Correspondence:** F. Kulick read a letter from the North Valley Baptist Church. They are reaching out to see if there are any community events or projects in which they can help with in the spring or summer months.

Another letter came from Astra Insurance, with their results from the review that was conducted on their inspection. The borough will address and accept the recommendations given by the insurance company by the required date.

F. Kulick then read a letter from Jim Davis in response to our previous letter about meeting minutes and how they are handled following the PSAB. He stated he was unable to find anything on the PSAB website or Borough Codes that would prevent the council from posting a draft copy of the minutes, and if there is such a prohibition to please advise him and he will stand corrected.

F. Kulick had brought in a response from Shelly Houk, who is with the PSAB, to confirm that the way the borough is handling the minutes is correct. I quote "The draft minutes are not the public record. It is considered Pre-deliberation material under the Right to Know Law and therefore not public. The written approved minutes of the council become the public record.". A copy of this response will be sent to Mr. Davis for his records.

### **Professional Reports:**

Police: Chief Arthur advised the council that they just got word that the police SUV has come in that was ordered last year and is being painted and outfitted. Also, they had received a complaint about a resident/ property on Washington that a trailer was parked on the lot and that people are living inside, which is being addressed with zoning.

He wanted to advise that there is still bear activity in town, so be aware. Also, they have had two incidents with fraud on people's credit cards, he was able to trace them back to a particular

gas station outside of town that they both used. So, he advised that when using a card, try not to use the swipe method unless inside a facility using the new chip that is on the cards is a safer way.

Fire: Absent

EMA: Absent

Solicitor: L. Moran advises that they requested NEIC issue three citations under the ordinance for property maintenance code. Two were for blight and deterioration properties on Washington Ave, and the other Madison Ave. Also, they have received a draft cooperation agreement for the Head Start playground equipment, they are looking into the agreement as it reads that any extra expenditures over the amount of the grant, the borough would be responsible for. This is concerning, and so Larry will be looking into this further to gather more information before he can advise the council whether or not to move forward.

Code Enforcement: Absent

Zoning: B. Chase has been working with Rapid Pallet, as they have a lot of things they are trying to do over at the site. They are looking at redoing the parking lot entrances, an addition for a break/ lunch room, and adding a salt shed.

Engineer: Absent

Tax Collector: Absent

Mayor: Absent

**Committee Reports:**

Planning Commission: None

Public Safety: None

Finance: None

Shade Tree: None

Grants: None

MS4: None

DPW: None

Recreations: None

**Bridge St. Parking Update:** They are working with the winery about parking when they have a larger event. Council has been advised by John Blake that they are working on purchasing nearby land for more parking to handle the overflow, and to avoid any issues or concerns, as

they are aware this is an issue. They are working hard to be a good neighbor and making sure all their certifications are up to date, and handling any concerns.

**Comcast:** They have reached out as they are looking at expanding their services to our area, so Larry will review the paperwork they have submitted. They will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the offer.

**Coal Miner Corner Committee:** So far, we have K. Napoli, Brian Mullay, and Paul Eastlake. So, to have four F. Kulick offered to be a part of the committee, and they will meet up with an engineer for the project to ensure it is done properly.

**Civil Service Board:** We still only have one volunteer; we are still in search of volunteers.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn by J. Morcom. Seconded by T. Dabney. All members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Lee,

Secretary/ Treasurer