## Jermyn Borough Council Minutes June 19, 2025

The Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, June 19, 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. Attorney Brendan Fitzgerald was also present. Bobbi Ann Davis, Mark Kilmer, KBA, Bob Chase, NEIC, Jim Perry, Nicole Stephens, and Stanley Hallowich were absent

<u>Minutes:</u> J. Morcom made a motion to accept the minutes of 5/15/25 as presented, and K. Napoli seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Fuga arrived at 7:01 pm.

**Treasurer's Report/Bills Payable:** S. Lee read the treasurer's report:

283,689.10

Current Assets
Checking/Savings

American Rescue Plan Fund 94.589.34 **Capital Reserve - DPW** 1,083.74 **Capital Reserve - Police** 6,584.82 Crime Watch Fund 222.69 **General Fund - Community** 240,784.60 **General Fund - FNB** 3,727.38 **Holiday Lights Fund** 400.59 **Investment - General Fund** 1.141.34 25,129.76 **Investment - Liquid Fuels Investment - Paving Fund** 1,153.21 **Investment - Recycling** 126.03 **Investment - Refuse** 179.72 **Liquid Fuels - FNB** 50,799.73 **Petty Cash** 194.00 **Recreations Fund** 30,129.57 **Recycling - Community** 6,993.94

Total Checking/Savings 746,929.56

Accounts Payable

**Refuse Checking - FNB** 

200000 · Accounts Payable 12,737.32 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. Cook. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ratified Bills Paid on 5/29/25: Motion was made to accept bills paid on 5/29/25 by C. Tomaine. Seconded by C. Cook. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Secretary Report:</u> S. Lee advised that Mr. Ogozaly had come into her office again the prior week. Following up on the overcharges to him, the garbage fees. He requested that the borough go back to 2015, as that is when he believes he started paying for more than one unit of fees. Reports will be pulled to see what can be found going back to 2015.

<u>Correspondence:</u> F. Kulick read an email received from Randy Parry, 719 Jefferson Ave. He had attended one of Archbald Borough's most recent council meetings, where they had discussed the proposed technology park. He feels strongly that surrounding communities need to get involved. Jermyn, Mayfield, Jessup, and Olyphant to ensure they do things correctly and to help the local economy.

## **Public Comment:** None

## **Professional Reports:**

Police: Absent Fire: Absent EMA: Absent

Solicitor: B. Fitzgerald reported that we are down to the final three of the easements needed to move forward with the Rushbrook Creek project. DEP has also updated that they are completing their paperwork to be submitted for the needed permits as well.

Code Enforcement: NA

Grants: None
Zoning: absent
Engineer: Absent
Tax Collector: Absent

Mayor: Tony advised that he has been stopped while working multiple times by residents about the ongoing garbage issues. It is a

real issue that needs to be addressed.

F. Kulick requested that an in-person meeting be set up with the Rep and Manager to discuss the ongoing issues to see what can be done on their end to help resolve this.

## **Committee Reports:**

Planning: None

Public Safety: K. Napoli advises that he will be having a meeting with the Police Chief within the next week to follow up with the department.

Finance: C. Cook advised that they had a meeting, reviewing the budget with F. Kulick to gain an understanding of the reports and to assess the borough's progress for the year thus far. An updated report was requested from the Tax Claim Bureau for a current list of delinquent taxes and garbage fees. Once the report is received, letters will be sent out in regards to those whose garbage collection will be held until the fees are paid.

Shade Tree: None Grants: None MS4: None DPW: None Recreations: None

Rushbrook Creek project update: F. Kulick attended the coffee with the commissioners meeting. At the meeting, he asked about the money they had allocated for the bridges to be redone along Rushbrook Creek. As these bridges are to be redone and covered by the state under the Rushbrook Creek project, he asked if the funds that they were going to be using could possibly be given to the Borough to use for the Rushbrook Creek Project expenses that the municipality is responsible for covering. The commissioners have since reached out to have a meeting to discuss this as a possibility within the next week.

<u>Code Enforcement:</u> F. Kulick advises that we have received three applicants for the position. We will reach out to those to set up the interviews so that we can decide at next month's meeting.

<u>Follow up on the 400 block of Madison issues:</u> K. Napoli will be meeting up with the resident to discuss the ongoing issues.

<u>Follow up on the shade tree cutting of trees:</u> S. Lee stated the shade tree committee brought in a quote to have the trees trimmed out front of the borough building. As they are already working on covering the tree trimming down at the WWI park, they wanted to see if it would be possible or if interested in this being covered by the Recreation committee. After discussing among the council, they have decided that DPW will handle the trimming of trees out front of the community center.

**Professional IT:** A motion was made to appoint Iron Nebula as Jermyn Borough's IT service provider by C. Tomaine. Seconded by C. Cook. All members in favor. Motion carried.

F. Kulick requested a motion to allow the council president to send a letter to council member M. Kilmer in regards to his meeting attendance. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All members in favor. Motion carried.

<u>New business:</u> K. Napoli wanted to address the vandalism that is happening over at the park. He is requesting the placement of more cameras at the park to try and catch the perpetrators causing the damage. S. Lee advised that we are already looking at using another company to help upgrade the security cameras.

**Executive Session: C**ouncil convened into executive session at 8:02 pm to discuss litigation matters. Council reconvened from executive session at 8:23 pm.

<u>Adjournment:</u> A motion was made to adjourn by K. Napoli. Seconded by J. Morcom. All members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Lee, Secretary/ Treasurer

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