

Council Minutes – May 10 2012

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, May 10,2012 at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present; W.Estile, J.Smith, J.Smith, A.J.Fuga and K.Hosie. Attorney Nicholls and Mayor Smallacombe were also in attendance.

MINUTES – March 8,2012 – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Estile to adopt the minutes of March 8,2012 .All members were in favor.

MINUTES – April 12,2012 – A motion was made by J.Smith,seconded by A.J.Fuga to adopt the minutes of April 12,2012. All members were in favor.

J.Smith reported a Beginning Balance of \$205,304.55

Expenses \$41,365.76

Ending \$196,278.73

FINANCIAL REPORT – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Estile accept the financial report as presented. All members were in favor.

MAYOR– The Mayor said he attended the LCAB dinner and the subject was the gas drilling. We must apply for and comply by December 7th to qualify, an ordinance needs to be passed.

He also said there are going to be vast changes in the Borough Code. Some of the changes will be that the borough can place a \$1000.00 lien on propertys whose sidewalks need repairs, we must allow \$4000.00 for lawyers' fees for the mayor.

The Historical Society will be having a bus trip to Eckerely Village in June. They have obtained new memorabilia, pictures of all service men in Jermyn who served in WWII. They will be having flea market and auction appraisal in October in the gym along with their annual open house.

The Mayor said he has been receiving complaints about dog owners not picking up after their pets, the police will have to watch . The farmers market will start in June on Fridays from 4 to 6:30.

SOLICITOR – Solicitor Nicholls said that every municipality will get a percentage of the gas wells. The state and county will obtain funds first, what is left over will be shared among municipalities.

Solictior Nicholls said the legal department in Harrisburg is looking into the problem areas with the Rushbrook Creek Project. He said there is a deed dated 1922 that parcel 15 is owned by Consolidated Water Supply. Pa. American Water/Theta now owns Consolidated Water Supply . He has contacted the attorney For PAWC to see if they still own it.

He checked into the map submitted by the Jermyn Planning Commission concerning the subdivision for Rockbottom Construction. He said most of the land is in the Borough of Archbald with only a small tip of 2 to 10 feet in Jermyn . Solicitor Nicholls said there is no problem with the subdivision.

BRIDGE STREET – Engineer Dennis Kutch explained he has been working on cost estimates and options for the repair of Bridge Street. He explained one option is a 54” pipe for the problem section, part of the section could be in Penn Dots right of way and perhaps we can get some help. He said the 54” pipe could be a problem it could jam up. He said the cheapest avenue could cost approximately \$75,000.00. He wants to do a hydraulic study to see if the 54” pipe will jam. He said he will have all recommendations for the next meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT – Michelle Newberry from Lackawanna County reported that Lackawanna Parks and Rec will be sponsoring a clinic for Pa. Voter ID, art and culture events , a dpw machinery auction in Jessup. Ms. Newberry said the fees to be received from the gas wells will be less than \$450.00.

Mr. John Duffy addressed Council concerning the ongoing parking problem at his business located on Madison Avenue. He said he does not know what to do, he is being

harassed all the time . Mayor Smallacombe suggested that the borough's zoning officer take a look at the issue. Mr. Duffy said he will do what he has to do.

R.Rood asked about the line of credit for Raymond Development. Solicitor Nicholls said he thought it was about \$20,000.00 and he will look to see if it could be used for Mr. Roods sewer problem.

FINANCE– A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Estile to pay the invoices in the amount of \$4033.51. All members were in favor.

ABANDONED BIKES – Mr. Estile gave Solicitor Nicholls a copy of a resolution the borough needs to pass to be able to get rid of abandoned bicycles for his review.

Mr.Rood asked if Solicitor Nicholls looked at the ordinance for the joist decals? Solicitor Nicholls will review it.

ROADS COMMITTEE – J.Smith had nothing to report.

ZONING OFFICER– B.Chase said convenient has got the permit for the sign and should be starting the gas station soon.

PUBLIC SAFETY – A.J.Fuga said the 94 chevy cruiser is out of service, we can keep it as a back-up. Officer Flynn said the vascar unit is in that cruiser.

The Mayor said the JSTC is celebrating their 10th year as Tree City USA and should be commended. The girl scouts are celebrating their 100 year anniversary. They are looking for people to march in the Memorial Day Parade all are welcome and the American Legion does a great job.

Mr. J.Smith said the roads committee will be meeting with senator Blake and will also discuss the second phase of the Main Street project.

Council went into executive session, council reconvened from executive session.

W.Arthur– A motion was made by W.Estile,seconded by J.Smith to put Officer William Arthur as temporary person in charge of the Jermyn Police department, effective

immediately, to be renewed June 14,2012, at \$13.50 per hour. All members were in favor.

Mrs. Flynn said that her son Officer R.Flynn has worked for Jermyn for 18 years.
K.Hosie said that W.Arthur was the best choice.

A motion was made to adjourn by A.J.Fuga,seconded by J.Smith. All members were in favor.