

## **Council Minutes – July 12 2012**

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday July 12,2012 at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: J.Mark, W.Estile, J.Smith and A.J.Fuga. J.Allan came at 7:20. Attorney Nicholls and Mayor Smallacombe were present.

**MINUTES** – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by J.Mark to accept the minutes of June 14,2012. All members were in favor.

At this time Mayor Smallacombe swore in part time police officers, Dennie Selesky and Michael Mallick.

Council went into executive session, council reconvened at 8:20.

J.Smith reported a beginning balance of \$336,766.51

Expenses -\$41,865.77

Ending Balance – \$310,402.01

A motion was made by J.Mark, seconded by W.Estile to approve the financial report. All members were in favor.

### **REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICERS**

**MAYOR** – Mayor Smallacombe said that Rolling Thunder will be going through Jermyn on July 15 . July 22 the Events Committee will be having a Concert in the Park . There was a moment of silence for the passing of Arthur Stackel and Jerome Giles. The Events Committee is working on the annual dinner to be held on February 6,2013. The farmers market is being held every Friday afternoon at Bridge Street.

Mrs. Flynn said the National Night out will be on August 9 starting at 5:00, the parade starting at 7:00. There will be festivities for the kids, a dunk tank, food and games.

**FIRE CHIEF** –Chief Rood asked Attorney Nicholls if he has looked at the lightweight construction ordinance? Attorney Nicholls said he will re-draft the ordinance for the next

meeting. Chief Rood asked if there has been anything done on the background checks for the fire departments? Attorney Nicholls said it is dead in the water.

**PUBLIC INPUT** – Mrs. Flynn asked why can't public input be at the end of the meeting? Mayor Smallacombe said that it used to be at the end of the meeting but the audience could not comment because the issues were already voted on. He suggested that the public can come to the work sessions on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00, where council discusses the agenda for the upcoming council meeting.

Mr. Rood asking Attorney Nicholls if anything was going on with Mr. Raymond? Attorney Nicholls said there is a bond for \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Attorney Nicholls said that there could be a problem with using the bond because the road is not part of the development. Mayor Smallacombe asked if the borough could start litigation against Mr. Raymond? Attorney Nicholls said he will sit down with Tony Grizzanti to add the sewer problem to the list of the other issues involving the Raymond Development.

Jane Penney, Jefferson Avenue said that there was not an officer at the Methodist Church on Sunday and asked that an officer be there every Sunday. The Mayor said the officer may have had a call and will look into it.

Mr. Charles Cruse, 749 Jefferson Avenue, informed council that vehicles are speeding down the 700 block of Jefferson Avenue and not stopping at the stop sign. Also there is a problem on Sundays with cars being parked to close too driveways. The Acting Chief will address it. Mr. Cruse also asked if the public can address council at a work session?

J. Smith said that council voted to purchase Enradd, a speed monitoring device and it will be used in all problem areas. He said the number of speeding tickets issued in the last 3 or 4 month has increased. Mr. Smith also said that the work sessions are very interesting and that council does not know how each other is going to vote at the council meeting

Mrs. McGraw, Washington Avenue asked if the police could monitor the 300 block of Washington Avenue for speeders? Acting Chief Arthur said he will address it.

Dawn Miller, Madison Avenue said the sidewalks are dangerous, as she is confined to a wheelchair and asked what could be done? Mayor Smallacombe said the sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner and it is getting very difficult to obtain any funding.

## **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE** – A motion was made by W.Estile ,seconded by J.Allan to approve payment of the invoices in the amount of \$3360.69. All members were in favor.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by W.Estile to purchase a protective vest for Officer Washko with a grant paying for half of the cost. All members were in favor.

**BASE RADIO** – A motion was made by W.Estile seconded by J.Smith to purchase a Kenwood base radio for the police station at a cost of \$679.13. All members were in favor.

Mr.Smith said that council has had to purchase a lot of material for the police department that was not in the 2012 budget. He asked Acting Chief Arthur to inform the council of the needs for the police department for the 2013 budget as soon as possible.

**ZONING OFFICER** – Mr. Chase reported that there have been a lot of violations concerning deck, fence, pool and shed permits. J.Smith asked Mrs. Morcom to have Joanne put a notice on the website concerning the applying for permits and also dogs running loose.

**RE-INSTATE ACTING CHIEF** – A motion was made to re-instate William Arthur as Acting Chief of the Jermyn Police Department up to August 9,2012 by J.Smith, seconded by W.Estile . All members were in favor.

J.Smith said we need to take a pro active stand with the Deluchy property. A motion was made to authorize Attorney Nicholls to contact the previous bidder to see if they are still interested and if not to list the property with a real estate agent by J.Smith seconded by J.Mark. All members were in favor.

Mrs. Flynn asked about the Carite property on the 700 block of Madison avenue. Attorney Nicholls said it is in an estate. The attorney for the estate asked if the borough wanted it at no cost. Attorney Nicholls told them no, than it would be the Boroughs' problem. He doesn't think the lot can be sold for building because it is under size and the borough would have to demolish it. It is a no win situation.

A motion was made to adjourn by J.Allan seconded by W.Estile. All members were in favor.