

Council Minutes – September 13 2012

Jermyn Borough met on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. On roll call the following members were present: J.Mark, W.Estile, J.Allan,J. Smith, A,J,Fuga, B.Parks and K.Hosie. Mayor Smallacombe and Attorney Nicholls were in attendance.

MINUTES AUGUST 2, 2012- A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Estile to accept the minutes of August 2, 2012 as circulated. All members were in favor.

MINUTES AUGUST 9, 2012 – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by J.Mark to accept the minutes of August 9, 2012 as circulated. All members were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT– J.Smith reported a General Fund beginning balance of \$328,443.93.

Expenses – \$53,744.67

Deposits – \$32,335.41

Ending Balances – \$317,674.58

A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by B.Parks to approve the financial report as presented. All members were in favor.

MAYOR– The Mayor reported the Enradd System is working well and is a big plus in slowing down traffic. He has been receiving complaints about the brake noise on big trucks and we may have to look into an ordinance. The Variety Show will be held Friday night at Heart Lake Lodge, tickets are still available. The Historical Society will hold its annual presentation in October. There will be an open house ,with 40 albums of historical information. The Jermyn Events Committee had their annual picnic at Aylesworth and it was a huge success. The Jermyn Events Dinner will be on February 9, 2013 and all are welcome. The Historical Society is having a bus trip to Jim Thorp at a cost of \$65.00 on October 12. Mayor Smallacombe and Ralph Bensing attended the Pipeline Safety Course and they handed out Emergency Response CD's which are available.

SOLICITOR – Mayor Smallacombe asked Attorney Nicholls to look at our burning ordinance, to see if it could be amended so that an open fire could be allowed. Fire Chief Rood asked about the joist ordinance? Attorney Nicholls said it is complete.

PUBLIC INPUT– J.Flynn presented Council with a petition in support of PTL. Robert Flynn. Mrs. Flynn said that Officer Flynn is the best officer in town and has been loyal for 18 years. Mrs. Flynn got upset with Mayor Smallacombe because he did not mention the National Night Out. Mayor Smallacombe said he did not have any information because he was on vacation that night. Mrs. Flynn said the public input should be at the end of the meeting because the public does not have a say. President Hosie explained to Mrs. Flynn that council does their best. It was explained to Mrs. Flynn that the public is welcome to attend the monthly work session, it is the first Thursday of the month.

M.Ruddy of Girl Scout Troop 50440 asked permission to have the Christmas Light Parade on December 8.

A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Estile to give the girl scouts permission to have the Christmas Light parade on December 8. All members were in favor.

T.Estile addressed Council concerning the Little League sign in the field, she said a new one is needed. She was directed to Jermyn Sports.

Michelle Newberry from Lackawanna County informed all of some upcoming events. The Commissioners Invitational Cross Country Run at McDade Park September 15, Car Seat Safety Check at McDade Park on September 19, Lackawanna County Tire Recycling Event September 24 – 29th, Heroes Day at the 911 dispatch center in Jessup.

Fire Chief Rood said the Crystal Fire Department will be participating in Heroes Day.

J.Smith thanked Michelle Newberry for obtaining the information he requested for the fingerprinting of children.

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

OFFICER ROBERT FLYNN – A motion was made by W.Estile seconded by A.J.Fuga to dismiss officer Robert Flynn for legal violation in obtaining and presenting a First aid card. On roll call the motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by A.J.Fuga to pay the invoices in the amount of \$13,441.85. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS – R.Parks reported that he obtained a verbal quote to fix the power box in the gym at a cost of \$2000.00, he has not received the fax yet. He also is looking into the PPL reimbursement program to replace fluorescent lighting, which would result in savings for the borough. Mr. Parks also addressed the Bridge Street closing. Attorney Nicholls said once the bids are opened he will contact the banks for the best interest rate and than the paper work will go to Harrisburg for approval. Mr.Parks said the closure is a threat to public safety. The route the fire truck would have to take now costs minutes.Mr. Mark said that he left a message with KBA about laying a steel plate down to be able to open bridge street one way and he did not get a response. Mr. Smith agreed on a temporary fix and asked the secretary to contact KBA. Mr. Parks also reported that Mr. Estile and himself met with J.Duffy the owner of Millinieum Day Care to try to solve the parking lot issue. He said they searched the zoning ordinance and Mr. Duffy has sufficient parking spaces. Mr. Duffy will submit a drawing for the ingress and egress to the planning commission for approval. The parking lot and sidewalk will be delineated.

NEW BUSINESS:

2012-2013 INSURANCE BIDS – The insurance bids were opened:

Mann, Levy and Nogi-\$48,478.3

DGK -\$75,688.00

A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by A.J.Fuga to have Attorney Nicholls review the bids.

POLICE MMO – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga seconded by W.Estile to adopt the 2013 Police Pension MMO in the amount of \$11,727.00. All members were in favor. The General Employee MMO will be adopted at the October meeting.

ACTING CHIEF W. ARTHUR – A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Smith to re-instate William Arthur as Acting Chief until the next council meeting October 11,2012 or if Chief Zellers returns. All members were in favor.

ACTING CHIEF ARTHUR SALARY – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by A.J.Fuga to give Acting Chief Arthur \$1.00 an hour raise, making his hourly rate \$14.50. Motion passed 6 to 1 with W.Estile voting nay.

At this time W.Estile made a motion to raise Acting Chief Arthur's salary to \$18.45, the same salary that Chief Zellers is currently getting. There was not a second for the motion.

Acting Chief William Arthur asked if an ordinance can be drawn up so that the fee for all parking fines is \$25.00. He said currently a location on Franklin Street and the 400 block of Garfield is \$25.00 with the rest of the town at a \$5.00 fee.

PARKING FINES– A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by B.Parks to direct Attorney Nicholls to draw up an ordinance to have all parking fines at a cost of \$25.00. All members were in favor.

HIRING OF PART TIME OFFICERS – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Estile to hire two part time officers, Dominic Calzola and Michael McMorrow. All members were in favor.

STARTING SALARY – A motion was made by J.Mark, seconded by W.Estile to set the starting salary for part time officers at \$8.00 an hour. All members were in favor.

MONROE COUNTY GAMING GRANT – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by B.Parks to pass a Resolution to apply for Monroe County Gaming Grant to obtain a roof for the borough building. All members were in favor. A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by A.J.Fuga to pass a Resolution to apply for Monroe County Gaming Grant to have the 400 block of Jefferson and the parking lot at the borough building paved. All members were in favor.

Attorney Nicholls addressed the issue of hiring NEIC as another inspection consultant .He explained we have to give Bureau Veritas a 90 day notice that we will not be renewing their exclusive contract with the borough.

BUREAU VERITAS – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by J.Allan to have Attorney Nicholls send Bureau Veritas notification of termination of the contract as of December 31, 2012.All members were in favor.

The Mayor commended the Police Department on their attendance at the Lakeland football game.

Acting Chief Arthur said he attended a safety meeting at Lakeland High School. He said it is important to have the lines of communication open.

ARTISAN REQUEST – The Artisan Fire Company asked if they can store their fire engine at the borough garage while they are undergoing construction. A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by J.Mark to allow the Artisan Fire Company store their engine at the borough garage.

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