

Unofficial Until May 9, 2013

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, April 11, 2013. Vice-President Robert Parks chaired the meeting in the absence of President Hosie. On roll call the following members were present: W.Estile, J.Allan, J.Smith, A.J.Fuga and R.Parks. Attorney Nicholls and Mayor Smallacombe were in attendance. K.Hosie and J.Mark were absent.

MINUTES – A motion was made by J.Allan seconded by A.J.Fuga to accept the minutes of March 14, 2013. All members were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT – J.Smith gave the financial report for February 28, 2013:

Beginning balance – \$179,584.68
Deposits – \$41,876.62
Expenses – \$47,571.00
Ending balance -\$173,890.30

A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Estile to approve the financial report for February 28,2013. All members were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT/ March 31,2013 :

Beginning Balance – \$173,890.30
Deposits – \$34,056.21
Expenses – \$53,309.94
Ending Balance – \$154,636.57

A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by A.J.Fuga to approve the financial report for March 31, 2013. All members were in favor.

MAYOR– The Mayor reported that the police report is excellent, 998 incidents. The police department is very active, interacting with the school district and the Police Chief Organization. Looking forward to the new cruiser. The resignation of an officer will be discussed later. He wanted the public to know that there is an unmarked car with lights posing as a police cruiser, call 911 and verify it is a police officer. He said he has gotten one new flag and is waiting for others. The Events Committee is working on their spring planting and their Variety Show on September 28. The Historical Society had a good turnout and want to pay the \$250.00 for the lease for the train station. The Historical Society are planning a trip to the Dorflinger Glass and Washington Irvings Home, no dates are set yet. There will be a book signing on May 9 at St. Mikes with Dale Kelak and Pepper Krenitsky for the Edgerton book.

SOLICITOR– Attorney Nicholls said we are waiting on a response on the loan for Bridge Street. The closing should be in a week or two.

FIRE CHIEF – Chief Rood said he has concerns about shrubbery on Evergreen Drive near a hydrant. Attorney Nicholls will speak to the resident. The Chief said we have received a few quotes on the stickers and the guys are finishing up the Fire Fighter 1 course.

PUBLIC INPUT – Mr. Lou Demarco addressed Council asking if his surveyor could sit down with the Borough to discuss the discrepancy in the survey results, to have a permanent solution to this issue. Attorney Nicholls said he will set up a meeting with KBA and Mr. Demarcos surveyor.

Mr. Demarco asked how alternate parking works? The Mayor said he calls the ordinance into effect and calls it off. If the DPW is finished plowing he will call it off. Councilman Parks said the ordinance is not just for snow it is for any emergency, flooding, etc. The Mayor said Council worked hard so the elderly would not have to move their cars from November through March, only when there is a plowable snow. The ordinance works when there are bad storms, emergency vehicles need to get through. Mr. DeMarco said once when the ordinance went into effect there was only two tenths inches of snow, the Mayor disagreed and said the DPW would not be plowing if it was such a small amount.

Mrs. McGraw of Washington Avenue said during a bad rain storm her driveway is covered in debris and that council was going to talk to Joe Simon of Archbald Council and nothing has been done. Mr. Parks said he will call Joe Simon tomorrow. He said it is a state road and if Archbald doesn't do anything you will have to go to PennDot.

Michelle Newberry from Lackawanna County informed council of County events. The Cleanup from April 7 to May 8, Armed Forces Parade, drawing and essays, Armed Forces Parade, May 18, Woman's Golf Clinic, April 30, May 7, 14 and 21, Fishing Derby May 4. Mr. Smith asked that this information be put on the Borough's website.

Mrs. McGraw has concerns about terrible shape of the red house on Washington Avenue and what can be done? Solicitor Nicholls said there was a H.O.P. problem where Penn Dot said we had to make part of Washington no parking for the permit and Council said they could not take parking away from the businesses. Attorney Nicholls said the borough could possibly tear it down but it would be a financial burden on the Borough. There was a comment about junk cars on this property, the Chief will look into it. The property owner has a demolition permit that is good for 5 years, Attorney Nicholls asked for a copy of the permit. Councilman Estile said he would get it.

INVOICES – A motion was made by A.J. Fuga, seconded by J. Allan to approve the invoices in the amount of \$1715.51. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Parks told Megan Roberts that he is working on the drainage problem in the alley, should be taken care of in 2 weeks.

HALL RUG – A motion was made by J.Allan to purchase a 4x10 rug for the hall in the borough building at a cost of \$115.25, seconded by A.J.Fuga. All members were in favor.

BRIAN KELLY ENGAGEMENT LETTER – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by J.Allan to accept the engagement letter for 2012. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY – A.J.Fuga said that Chief Arthur asked if extra enradd shifts could be added. Chief Arthur explained that when they are running enradd and receive a call they have to take the time to pack up the equipment with the extra hours the officer will not be interrupted. The officers will be dedicated to speed and not answer calls.

ENRADD – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by A.J.Fuga to add 8 hours a week for the use of the Enradd system, the hours divided and not a stationary position. All members were in favor.

NEW POLICE CRUISER – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Estile to purchase a new cruiser at a cost of \$35,484.00 over a three year period. All members were in favor.

RECREATION – J.Allan said the new basketball equipment has arrived and should be set up by May. He said the next step will be the park equipment to see if it needs to be fixed or replaced. There will be a meeting with Jermyn Sports as they are unsure of what they are responsible for. Mr.Parks commented that the tables are in disrepair. Mr. Allan said he will do an inventory. Mr.Parks said that no one is allowed in the gym once the voting machines are delivered.

Mrs. Stackel remarked on the great job Mr. Allen is doing with recreation.

ROADS COMMITTEE – Mr. Smith said Senator Blake said there is no money for paving roads. Although we are getting the 700 block of Lincoln paved through a county grant.

WILKES SUBDIVISION – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by J.Smith to table the subdivision of the Wilkes property. All members were in favor. Attorney Nicholls is going to review the map.

RESIGNATION OF MARK WASHKO – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga seconded by J.Allan to accept the resignation of Officer Mark Washko. All members were in favor. The matter of Officer Washkos' vest was discussed.

The Mayor referred to a letter written by a resident stating what an excellent job Acting Chief Arthur is doing.

Mr. Parks said Rep. Farina informed him that the public can bring papers to be shredded to Unos in Dickson City on April 27 up to 4 boxes or bags and there is no charge.

Mr. Estile asked for a donation to a scholarship in memory of firefighter Mark Coons. A motion was made to donate \$100.00 to the scholarship in memory of Mark Coons by W. Estile, seconded by A.J. Fuga. All members were in favor.

Acting Chief William Arthur – A motion was made by A.J. Fuga seconded by J. Smith to reinstate W. Arthur as acting Chief until the next meeting or if Chief Zellers comes back.

Mr. Parks said he has been in contact with Rep. Farinas office concerning the smoke problem at Bardane Manufacturing . He said this problem has been ongoing for 15 years and falling on deaf ears. Rep. Farinas office called DEP and their response was they have not had any complaints since 2007, Mr. Parks said he has paperwork from 2010 addressing complaints. He asked that anyone who sees the smoke to please take pictures to forward to DEP. The situation is a health hazard.

Mr. Rood asked if the borough could have a pickup for electronics. Mr. Parks said he will look into it.

Mr. Smith reported there will be a meeting with Senator Blake, Lackawanna County Economic Development, KBA and Jermyn Council concerning the Rushbrook Creek Project on April 26 at 2:00 at the borough building.

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

GRIEVANCE PROCESS – A motion was made by A.J. Fuga, seconded by J. Allan to table the grievance requested by J. Esgro until the next council meeting in executive session. All members were in favor.

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