

Unofficial until February 9, 2014

RE-ORGAINZATION MEETING

At this time Magistrate Laura Turlip swear in the following officials:

Ann Marie Desanto- Tax Collector

Jeffrey Mcdermott – Councilman

Bruce Smallacombe – Mayor

Magistrate Turlip also swore in Junior Councilman Brian Swatt.

At this time Mayor Smallacombe took the Chair and called the meeting to order.

The Mayor asked for nominations for President: A nomination was made by J. Smith to Appoint Katie Hosie as Council President. A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by W.Estile to appoint Katie Hosie as Council President. All members were in favor.

K.Hosie took the Chair. She asked for nominations for Vice- President. A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by W.Estile to appoint B.Parks as Vice-President. All members were in favor.

President Pro-Temp – K.Hosie asked for nominations. A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.McDermott to appoint J.Smith as President Pro-Temp. All members were in favor.

SOLICITOR– A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by W.Estile to appoint Al Nicholls as Borough Solicitor. All members were in favor.

BOROUGH MANAGER – A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.McDermott to appoint as Borough Manager. All members were in favor.

ACTING POLICE CHIEF– A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by W.Estile to appoint William Arthur as Acting Police Chief. All members were in favor.

FIRE CHIEF – K. Hosie said we received two applications for Fire Chief- K.DeSanto Jr. and R.Rood. A motion was made by W.Estile seconded by J.Smith, to appoint R.Rood as Fire Chief. All members were in favor.

ZONING OFFICER – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by J.McDermott to appoint R.Chase as Jermyn Zoning Officer. All members were in favor.

EMA DIRECTOR– A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Smith to appoint Ralph Bensing as Jermyns' EMA Director. All members were in favor.

LST COLLECTOR– A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by J.McDermott to appoint Joan Christian as Jermyn's LST Collector. All members were in favor.

ENGINEER – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by W.Estile to appoint Dennis Kutch as the Borough engineer. All members were in favor.

AUDITOR– A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by W.Estile to appoint Brain Kelly C.P.A. as Jermyn's Auditor. All members were in favor.

DEPOSITORY– A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by J.McDermott to appoint Community Bank as the Borough's depository. All members were in favor.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR JANUARY, 2014

On roll call the following members were present: J.McDermott, W.Estile, J.Smith and K. Hosie. Mayor Smallacombe and Attorney Nicholls were in attendance. J.Allan and R.Parks were absent.

MINUTES– J. Smith said he had a correction for the minutes of December 20, 2013. He would like the correction to state "Mr.Parks said I did make cuts and I asked for other things and I understand nobody is getting raises this year because there is no money" and Mr.Smith would like it to be put in the minutes as a correction. Mr.Smith said he would also like to put into the minutes that at the meeting that I said that, Mr. Parks was given the budget two weeks ahead of time and to study and to come back and make recommendations or suggestions to council which he never did, I would also like that added to the minutes.

K.Hosie asked the secretary to put the corrections on the web site and get corrected copies to council.

A motion was made by W.Estile seconded by J.McDermott to adopt the minutes of December 12 and December 20 with corrections. All members were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT –Beginning Balance- \$98,965.35

Deposits – \$100,252.24 including \$72,135.83 /Recycling grant

Expenses -\$60,652.28

Ending Balance -\$138,565.32

A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Mcdermott to accept the financial report as presented. All members were in favor.

MAYOR– Mayor Smallacombe read from the police report that Jermyn had 7,614 incidents this year and Mayfield had 1,800, showing how active our police department is. This is a reflection on our police department from the Chief on down. He said the Events Committee met on Sunday, they will be having their annual dinner on Saturday, February 15 at St. Michaels, and they will be honoring A.J.Fuga, Joseph Hosie, Kevin Pittack and Tom Pidgeon who was one of the founders of Jermyn Sports.

The historical Society met on Sunday and are looking for potential places to display the artifacts. The Mayor said he obtained a picture of a man named John Wheeler dated 1898 and that he owned a grocery store on S.Washington Avenue in Jermyn.

K.Hosie thanked B.Parks and the DPW for the great job they did during the snow storm.

FIRE CHIEF – Chief Rood thanked council for his appointment. He said he is looking into an ordinance for abandoned buildings as they affect the firemen who have to go into these buildings.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMAN –K.Hosie reported we received three letters for the council seat.

1. Randy Parry
2. Joanne Wilson
3. Jerry Bruno

A motion was made by W.Estile to appoint R.Parry, there was no second to the motion, K.Hosie asked three times for a second.

J.Wilson – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by J.McDermott to appoint Joann Wilson to the council seat vacated by J.Mark. The motion carried 3 to 1, with W.Estile voting no.

RESOLUTION EMPLOYEE QUESTIONS – Attorney Nicholls read the resolution (copy on file in borough office) .The resolution designates certain people to respond to questions or inquiries concerning all borough employees. A motion was made by W.Estile to adopt the resolution, seconded by J. McDermott. The motion passed 3 to 1, with J.Smith voting no.

At this time J.Wilson was sworn in as a Jermyn councilwoman by Mayor Smallacombe.

PUBLIC INPUT – James Pidgeon asked why he received a parking ticket when it was a sunny day, there was nothing on the television. He said the streets were clear? The Mayor said we had 4 inches of snow, DPW plows one side and then the other side. Mr.Pidgeon said he was very unhappy. The Mayor said we need the roads open for fire trucks and emergency vehicles. Mr.Pidgeon said Archbald doesn't have alternate parking neither does Mayfield? The Mayor said our roads are in better shape, because we have alternate parking.

R.Rood said there have been problems with fire trucks, a bad situation. Some of the roads are too narrow without alternate parking.

Mr.Pidgeon asked that council do away with the law. K.Hosie said council will address it at the work session. Mr. Smith said this is a very hard decision, it is hard on the police and the Residents. Mr. Pidgeon asked how much revenue went through with this ordinance. He felt it was nothing but a money maker. Mr. Smith said he was not sure how much money went through writing tickets but he contributed to that fund the other day. Mr. Pidgeon asked if he was happy about it. Mr. Smith said no my son-in-law from Washington D.C. was ticketed on Christmas Eve, he was at church. And to get to the point, I understand a lot of people are unhappy and it is not an easy decision for this council to continue doing, but the main concern is the safety for the borough. Mr.

Pidgeon said there has not been an incident in thirty, forty years. Mr. Smith said there might not have been one single incident. Mr. Rood said there may not have been an incident where we couldn't get through because the road was not open, but since then I could just about get my personal vehicle through and I would never get through with a fire truck. Mr. Pidgeon asked if it has happened in the last 13 years. Mr. Rood said absolutely and he has pictures and he will try to find them.

INVOICES– A motion was made by J. McDermott seconded by W. Estile to pay the invoices in the amount of \$3,189.34. All members were in favor.

TAXING ORDINANCE– Attorney Nicholls said the Taxing Ordinance allows the borough to levy and collect taxes and has been advertised. A motion was made by W. Estile seconded by J. Smith to adopt the taxing ordinance at 30 mills. All members were in favor.

Joanne Wilson thanked everyone for their votes and support.

K. Hosie said there is a LCAB dinner on January 16, all who want to go please let Debbie know. The borough pays for the dinner but if you do not attend you will have to reimburse the borough.

The Mayor thanked all the other applicants for council, for taking an interest.

A motion was made by W. Estile, seconded by J. Wilson to adjourn.

K. Hosie announced the work session will be on February 6 and the council meeting on February 13, both at 7:00 p.m.

2 Replies to “Council Minutes – January 6 2014”

1.



jimpidgeon

[January 16, 2014 at 10:06 pm](#)

Debbie:

Re Council's feb 6 "Work Session":

Is public invited to attend?

If yes, will public be allowed to speak?

Are minutes posted ?

If yes, how soon before the regular (feb 13) council meeting?

I HAVE VERY STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT THE ALT PARK ORDINANCE WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE WS.

I intend to comment on the "discussion" at the feb 13 mtg.



2.

primal06

[February 5, 2014 at 10:08 am](#)

I agree with the alternate parking, but I also think there should be fines for people who shovel the snow into the parking spots in front of their house, instead of in their own yard where it belongs. It gets to be a pain, when the alternate parking is in effect and so many spots are taken up by giant snow mounds and I have to find a spot 5 houses away from my own...Not to mention the fact that the giant mounds remain weeks after most of the snow has melted, or just accumulates with the snow from other storms...

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