

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL MARCH 13, 2014

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00p.m. On roll call the following members were present: J.Wilson, Jeff McDermott, W.Estile, J.Allan and K.Hosie. J.Smith and B.Parks were absent. Mayor Smallacombe and Attorney Nicholls were present.

At this time President Hosie appointed the Committees for 2014-2015:

FINANCE– Walter Estile, Chairman

Jim Allan

Bob Parks

PUBLIC SAFETY– Joe Smith, Chairman

JoAnne Wilson

Walter Estile

PUBLIC WORKS – Bob Parks- Chairman

Jeff McDermott

Joe Smith

Parks & Rec. Buildings – Jim Allan, Chairman

Joanne Wilson

Jeff McDermott

EMPLOYEE LIASON – Joe Smith

JERMYN SHADE TREE LIASON

A motion was made by W.Estile seconded by J.McDermott to appoint J.Wilson as liaison to the Jermyn Shade Tree Committee. All members were in favor.

MINUTES – A motion was made by J.McDermott , seconded by J.Allan to accept the minutes of January 6,2014. All members were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT– W.Estile gave the financial report:

Beginning Balance – \$138,565.32

Deposits – \$24,045.29

Expenses – \$144,689.15

Balance – \$17,921.46

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

MAYOR– Mayor Smallacombe reported that the police are doing a great job. They had a child porn investigation, they have been working on. The officers have stuffed animals to give out to children when they pull someone over or have to go into a home. The

Historical Society met and the topic was coinage and money when the town was funded. They will be having different speakers from outside the area. The Events Committee dinner will be on Saturday, honoring some good people from town and they have raffle tickets for sale. The Events Committee met and discussed the concert in the park and the Aylesworth picnic. He said we have a need for members on our recreation committee. K.Hosie said Councilman Allan has been doing it all by himself.

ATTORNEY NICHOLLS – Attorney Nicholls said we have received a letter from DEP stating that we can sell the old recycling truck without reimbursing the state.

PUBLIC INPUT– R.Chase reported that the cadets from the Artisian went out and shoveled the fire hydrants. K.Hosie said J.Wilson will take pictures so they can get recognition.

FINANCE – W.Estile reported invoices in the amount of \$9,532.18. A motion was made by J.Allan ,seconded by J.Wilson to pay invoices in the amount of \$9,532.18. All members were in favor.

LINE ITEMCHANGE 2014 BUDGET– K.Hosie explained there was a typo and Acting Chief Bill Arthur’s wages were short. W.Estile explained that the ammunition line item will be reduced from \$9,500.00 to \$6,450.00 and \$3,050.00 will be added to the Acting Chiefs’ wages. A motion was made by J.McDermott, seconded by W.Estile to change the ammunition line item in the 2014 budget from \$9,500.00 to \$6,450.00 and to raise the Acting Chiefs’ wages by \$3,050.00.All members were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS – W.Estile said he received information from Mark Kilmer that the 2002 recycling truck was worth \$22,500.00. A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by W.Estile to put the 2002 recycling truck out to bid, starting at \$22,500.00. All members were in favor.

RECREATION – J.Allan reported that youth basketball will be over the first week of March, and then the baseball and softball season will start.K.Hosie said she will get the dates for the voting in May and give them to Mr. Allan.

SHADE TREE – J.Wilson reported that they received donations in the amount of \$3,690.00 and it is from those funds that they planted trees. She said three dangerous trees on the 200 block of Bacon Street were taken down. She said they maintain the greenway, the parks and in front of the borough building. They also had to take down trees at Scout Corner at a cost of \$1,650.00. K.Hosie said the Borough only gives the Shade Tree \$1500.00 for 2014 and they maintain the greenway, the parks and front of borough building. They remove trees with monies from fundraisers. Mrs. Wilson said, they are looking into taking down five dangerous trees in the 300 block of Bacon Street.

ROADS COMMITTEE – K.Hosie said that Michelle from the county had informed council that we would be getting \$38,000.00 more in our liquid fuels allocation she called back to say there was an error and the borough is only getting \$3,800.00. Mrs.

Hosie said that at the next work session council will discuss looking at ways to pay off the current paving loan so we can borrow to pave some roads.

ZONING OFFICER– R.Chase reported he issued one permit for a shed and there is a sign across from Kennedys' that has to come down. He said he also has to speak to the new owner of Larry's Market as he is doing more than he let on and he may have to see the building inspector.

JUNIOR COUNCILMAN –B.Swatt said it seems there are problems with informing the public about alternate parking, he suggested texting residents. K.Hosie said it will be discussed at the work session.

K.Hosie said the council received a letter from C.Battenberg recommending Randy Parry be appointed to the Planning Commission

APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION – A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by W.Estile to appoint Randy Parry to the Jermyn Planning Commission. All members were in favor. At this time Mayor Smallacombe swore in Randy Parry to the Planning Commission.

HERITAGE BIKE RIDE -K.Hosie said the issue of the Heritage Bike Tour will be tabled and discussed at the work session. Mrs. Wilson said the JSTC will man the stop at Bridge Street.

CROSSING GUARD– K.Hosie addressed the issue of the crossing guard at Rushbrook and Madison. She said does the borough have the finances, there are payroll taxes, workers compensation insurance, besides the salary? J.Allan said we cannot do it.

A motion was made to have an ordinance drawn up to opt out of hiring a crossing guard by W.Estile seconded by J.McDermott. All members were in favor.

A motion was made giving Attorney Nicholls permission to advertise the crossing guard ordinance by W.Estile, seconded by J.McDermott. All members were in favor.

RE-APPOINT WILLIAM ARTHUR– A motion was made by J.McDermott, seconded by W.Estile to appoint William Arthur, Acting Chief of Police, until the next meeting or if Chief Zellers returns. All members were in favor.

Senator Blakes breakfast was changed to February 21 at 8:00.

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