

Council Minutes – September 8 2011

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.. On roll call the following members were present: J.Allan, J.Smith, W.Shermanski, M.Collins, A.J.Fuga, B.Parks and K.Hosie. Attorney Nicholls and Mayor Marks were in attendance. President Hosie took this time to thank the EMA coordinator, Police Chief, Fire Companies, Fire Police, and Police Officers for their assistance during the hurricane warning. Also the DPW and Borough Manager for being on call.

MINUTES

A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by A.J.Fuga to adopt the minutes of August 11, 2011 as circulated. All members were in favor.

Mr. Smith reported the beginning balance in the General Fund of \$347,712.79

Expenditures \$41,375.26

Ending balance \$359,228.63

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

MAYOR

Mayor Mark thanked all involved who assisted during the hurricane weather.

He reported that on Sunday there will be a picnic at Aylesworth for all volunteers. On September 18, the Historical Society will have their annual open house.

SOLICITOR

1. Mr. Nicholls said he is working on the resolution for Berkheimer but is waiting for the exhibits for the fee schedule.
2. He has sent a letter to Attorney Foley concerning Rushbrook Acres.
3. He directed Council to a letter from the Railroad Authority that the track has been inspected and is o.k.
4. Is working on the Deluchy property once he has a cost list it will go out to bid.
5. Mussari lawsuit is before the court with a motion pending to have it dismissed.
6. The seminar he attended will aid in enforcement with landlords, action can now be

taken against a person individually and if taxes are not paid ,the borough does not have to give them a permit.

FIRE CHIEF

Chief Rood thanked Council for their assistance with the hurricane alert. Still waiting for the hydrant for Henry Drive.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. DeMarco of Gibson Street asked about the difference in surveys on Shields Court. Attorney Nicholls said he met with KBA ,and the borough will work around the pins, he is doing more research. Mr. DeMarco asked if new pins will be set? Attorney Nicholls said that the original pins are valid ,they will not be removed. Mr. DeMarco expressed concerns about his fence being damaged during plowing. Attorney Nicholls said the fence will stay where it is and will have to talk to the DPW about it.

Mr. Ray Rood asked Attorney Nicholls about the sewer problem at his home? Mr. Nicholls said that the borough has no cause of action for a private problem but he has not given up. Mr. Rood also asked about the Carite property on Madison Avenue? Mr. Nicholls said perhaps the new law can help us and if there is an estate he will find it.

INVOICES

A motion was made by M.Collins, seconded by B.Parks to pay the invoices in the amount of \$16,091.06. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Parks reported that J.Esgro is in the hospital and should be back a week from Monday. J.Fuga, R.Rood and M.Kilmer will be working. Asked if a mirror can be put at Washington and Bacon. Council said that Penn Dot was approached and since there have not been any accidents at the intersection they would not approve it.

Mr. Rood asked Attorney Nicholls about guidelines on accepting new fireman. Mr. Nicholls said he forgot and will look into it.

Mr. Parks said the new truck will be going to Powells soon and we should have in within the next couple of weeks.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A motion was made by A.J.Fuga seconded by J.Smith to assist our neighbors to the south during the recent flooding with equipment, personnel ,etc.. All members were in favor.

ROAD COMMITTEE

Mr. Wilson addressed council concerning the paving of the roads. He went into detail explaining the amount of yardage left to be paved after the water company and borough's paving project. He said the committee is working on coming up with funds.

ZONING

Mr. Chase reported that a letter has been sent to the Rushbrook Deli concerning a fence. He said he has not inspected Virbitsky's property yet. He said he is going to speak with the planning commission concerning some changes in the zoning ordinance.

MMO

A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by J.Smith to acknowledge that the MMO for police is \$10,047.00 and for the general \$7,884.00 for 2012. All members were in favor.

INSURANCE BIDS

At this time the insurance bids were opened

DGK \$48,604.00

Joyce- \$47,858.00

The bids were given to Attorney Nicholls for review.

Councilman Smith said that they will be looking into health costs for 2012 and has an insurance broker looking into it. There will be a finance meeting on September 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hosie said the Jermyn Shade Tree will hold a public meeting with residents on September 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Smith asked if the Shade Tree could take a look at the parking lot area to see if landscaping can be done.

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

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