

## **Council Minutes – December 13 2012**

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. On roll call the following members were present: W.Estile, J.Allan, J.Smith and A.J.Fuga.

K.Hosie, B.Parks and J. Mark were absent.

Mayor Smallacombe and Attorney Nicholls were also in attendance.

**MINUTES** – A motion was made to adopt the minutes of November 2 and November 8, 2012 by W.Estile, seconded by J.Allan. All members were in favor.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**– J.Smith reported a General Fund beginning balance of \$267,091.39

Deposit Adjustment – \$14,679.67

Expenses – \$83,621.85

Deposits – \$25,981.01

Ending Balance – \$209,450.55

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

**MAYOR**– The Mayor read a letter from the Jermyn Events Committee thanking Council for the assistance and approval with the Christmas Concert for twenty years. He also thanked the DPW and co-chair of the events committee J.Wilson and all others who made the concert a success. He said the Light parade was a great success, a good turnout, thanked Police, Fire Police, R.Parks, M.Kilmer and J.Wilson for their assistance. The mayor asked if council can send a check to the group opposing the commuter tax. He said he was in favor of fighting it all the way. He also said perhaps the borough can increase revenue by renting the gym out more and enforcing the driveway ordinance. He spoke to Senator Blake who is pushing hard to get the Monroe County Grant approved for the roof. The annual Jermyn Events Committee dinner will be on February 9th. He informed council he did perform a wedding ceremony but did not get paid, so he does not have to file anything.

**FIRE CHIEF** – Fire Chief Rood presented Council with the decal for the lightweight construction ordinance. Council asked that we get a price from Mr. Kulick. A motion was made by J.Smith approving the decal, seconded by W.Estile. All members were in favor.

**PUBLIC INPUT**– Acting Chief Arthur publicly thanked Fire Chief R.Rood , the DPW, Walter Estile and the Fire Police and especially Debbie for all of the assistance given to him. A.J. Fuga said that everyone is working together and that because of it the Borough is moving forward. Michelle Newberry thanked council for the ornament for the county’s Christmas tree. She distributed information for the one bin recycling format, the judicial sale timeline, trolley rides with Santa, etc. She asked if Larry Lacosia contacted the borough? Chief Arthur said he will contact Mr. Lacosia.

R.Rood reported that R.Flanagan is no longer the county EMA Coordinator and there has not been a replacement named yet.

**FINANCE**– A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by W.Estile to pay the invoices in the amount of \$12,076.24. All members were in favor.

**SUB-COMMITTEE** – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by W.Estile to form a subcommittee to look into raises for the police department. All members were in favor. He asked that A.J.Fuga and K.Hosie serve and all of council is welcome. He proposed a discussion about hiring another full time officer.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**– A.J.Fuga reported that officer Ray Gabikian needs a vest. He said we have some grant money left and the borough will have to put in their share. A motion was made by A.J.Fuga seconded by W.Estile to purchase a vest for Office Gabikian. A motion was made to rescind the motion made by A. J. Fuga, seconded by W.Estile to purchase a vest for Officer Gabikian. All members were in favor.

R.Gabikian- A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by W.Estile to purchase a vest for Officer Gabikian. All members were in favor.

A.J. Fuga reported that a new antenna has been installed for the police base radio.

**RECREATION**– J.Allan reported he is handling the scheduling of the gym. There are two basketball groups on Tuesday and Thursday. W.Estile asked if all the keys have been returned by the recreation committee? D.Morcom said that K.Pittack and A. Wormuth have returned their keys. Joann was asked to put on the web site that the borough is in need of recreation members.

**JOHN FRANKOSKY** – A motion was made by W.Estile seconded by J.Smith to appoint John Frankosky, 548 Garfield Avenue, Jermyn to the Jermyn Planning Commission. All members were in favor.

**CELL PHONES** – J.Smith reported that Joann has done research on companies for cell phones. Verizon will not charge us for the phones which are heavy duty, no contract and the monthly fee will be \$110.00 for three phones. A motion was made to use Verizon as our cell phone carrier by J.Smith seconded by J.Allan. All members were in favor.

**THIRD PARTY INSPECTOR**– Attorney Nicholls said that with Bureau Veritas the borough had an exclusive contract and the inspectors were present at the borough building one day a week from April through September. The other company NEIC is local and had a clause that the borough could not tell anyone about the contents of the contract for two years. Attorney Nicholls had the NEIC remove the clause as the contract is a public document. NEIC's contract is not exclusive, their residential fee is a hair cheaper than Bureau Veritas and they will not have anyone on call. Bureau Veritas will not act as a co-inspector. A motion was made by W.Estile seconded by J.Smith to award the 2013 third party building inspector contract to Bureau Veritas. All members were in favor.

**ACTING CHIEF ARTHUR** – A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by W.Estile to appoint William Arthur as Acting Chief till the next council meeting or if Chief Zellers returns. All members were in favor.

J.Smith reported that Attorney Nicholls called PSAB to confirm that the Borough can make changes to the employee health insurance benefit. He explained that the Borough will reimburse full time employees \$7,629.29 towards their health insurance. He said the borough is getting out of the insurance business. Mr. Smith said that the employees can

either turn in the invoice and the borough can pay it or the borough can reimburse the employee.

**BOROUGH HEALTH INSURANCE** – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by J.Allan that the borough will afford employees \$7629.29 to purchase a health plan of their choosing. All members were in favor.

Mr.Smith said it was very difficult to come up with a balanced budget. He thanked the finance committee, J.Allan and J.Mark and rest of council for their assistance. At this time Mr.Smith had a slide show of the 2013 budget (copy on file in borough office or click [here](#)) for audience review.

**2013 BUDGET** – A motion was made by J.Allan seconded by W.Estle to accept the 2013 budget in the amount of \$652,640.80. All members were in favor.

Mayor Smallacombe reported that at the annual event dinner awards will be given to Robyn Smith, Citizen Award, Jean Bell , Lifetime Achievement Award and Sheila Wilkes, Community Service Award.

**REP. EDWARD STABACK** – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by J.Allan to give Rep. E.Staback a plaque or certificate at the annual event dinner. All members were in favor.

**BOROUGH BUILDING ROOF** – A motion was made to contact Dunmore Roofing to obtain a quote to repair the borough building's roof by J.Smith, seconded by J.Allan. All members were in favor.

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

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## One Reply to “Council Minutes – December 13 2012”

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mflannigan

[January 5, 2013 at 12:00 pm](#)

I am writing from Rochester, NY. My parents and grandparents are from the Jermyn, Pa area. I was reading the minutes and I recognized the name "Katie Hosie". One of my grandmother's best friends was named Katie Hosie. I am sure they are related. My grandmother's name was Loretta Burke. Her husband was Lawrence R. Burke.

My uncle was Walter Burke.

I haven't been to Jermyn in a long time. I loved it there and you just can't go back...too many good memories and I want to leave it that way. My family and friends have passed away. I think of it often but when family is no longer there it is better to just "remember".

I would visit my grandmother and aunt. I would stay about two weeks every summer. My two best friends growing up were the Nicholson brothers, Joe and Jimmy Nicholson. I know they both passed away as well as Jim's wife, Ellie. They passed away too young. I remember Jim's dad, Arthur Nicholson. When Art would see my parents pull in the driveway to visit my grandmother, he would say "Hi boldface...when are you going home". I would say "I just got here". Jim and Joe would run out of the house to greet us and we would play for hours. We had a lot of fun in those days.

Enjoy getting your e-mails.

Sincerely,

Maureen Flannigan

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