

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL JANUARY 6, 2013

Jermyn Borough met on December 20, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. for a special meeting and any other business that comes before council. On roll call the following members were present: W.Estile, J.Allan, J.Smith, A.J.Fuga, B.Parks and K.Hosie. Attorney Nicholls was present. Mayor Smallacombe absent.

J.Smith gave the department totals for the 2014 budget:

Municipal Building – \$13,800.00

Insurance – \$89,081.00, Mr. Smith explained the borough's insurance went up \$16,000.00 which is two mills.

Administration-\$129,591.24

Police Department – \$182,782.17 – Mr. Smith said ammunition for qualifying was \$9,600.00 last year, but Chief Arthur got a donation of \$4,500.00 towards the bill for 2014. A. Whitiak asked about the certifications, said if the officers are qualified in other departments, why do they have to qualify in Jermyn also? Mrs. Hosie explained it is a state law that officers have to qualify in every department they work in. Mr. Fuga said the officers do not carry the same firearm, we do not provide their weapons.

Loans -\$69,466.92

Department of Public Works – \$112,226.92

Street Lights – \$41,000.00

Fire – \$30,807.00

Recreation – \$1,500.00

Main St. and Holiday Lighting – \$4,740.00

Shade Tree – \$1,500.00

Mr. Smith said we have \$675,116.33 in expenses and \$641,516.33 in revenues a difference of \$33,600.00. We will have to raise taxes 4 mills to cover the deficit.

Mr. Parks said he does not understand putting the \$27,000.00 in revenues for a property that may not sell. He said we have already lost \$54,000.00 and in 2014 it will be \$81,000.00. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Parks what would he like him to do. Mr. Smith said the borough has actively been trying to sell the property. Mr. Parks said he cannot consider the budget balanced with the \$27,000.00 in it. Mr. Smith pointed out that Mr. Parks voted for it twice before. Mr. Parks mentioned there were no raises for any of the employees, and that he cut his DPW budget so there could be.

Mr. Parks said he suggested raising taxes last year. Mr. Smith said the county raised taxes last year. Mr. Parks said he isn't worried about the county.

2014 BUDGET – A motion was made by A. J. Fuga seconded by W.Estile to adopt the 2014 Budget at \$675,116.33, with a tax increase of 4 mills. On roll call the motion passed 5 to 1, with B.Parks voting no.

At this time Attorney Nicholls asked for an executive session concerning litigation.

Mrs. Hosie said she has received three calls concerning the vacant council seat. One message from Randy Parry and a call from Joanne Wilson. The other two callers did not give names. Council will appoint at the January 6 re-organization meeting at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn seconded by W.Estile, all members were in favor.