

UNOFFICAL UNTIL APRIL 10, 2014

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

MINUTES– A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by J.Smith to accept the minutes of February 13, 2014. All members were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT – W.Estile gave the financial report :

Beginning Balance – \$17,921.46

Deposits – \$131,487.74

Expenses – \$50,865.05

Ending Balance – \$98,544.15

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

At this time K.Hosie asked Chief Arthur to come forward. Chief Arthur presented a plaque to former Councilmen Anthony Fuga, Chair of Public Safety, to show their appreciation for his support, during his tenure.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICERS

MAYOR – The Mayor reported that the Chief's report is very efficient and so far this year there have been 1,635 incidents. The police department is also involved with the DUI grant program with the DA's office and with the Lakeland High School safety meetings. The Historical Society has requested use of council chambers for a meeting regarding the Eckley Miner Village, council gave permission. The Events Committee dinner was a huge success, although not financially, there was a good crowd and all had a good time. At this time he informed all that Mr. Charles Beth (public input) built the podium for council chambers.

Mr. Parks asked Attorney Nicholls about the agreement with the Lackawanna Housing Authority? Attorney Nicholls said he found it but has to review it.

FIRE CHIEF– R.Rood reported the ISO ratings have gone down, which means homeowners' insurance won't go up as much. He thanked all the fire company members who assisted with the endeavor.

PUBLIC INPUT– Mr. Charles Beth, 518 Jefferson Avenue addressed Council concerning the plowing in of sidewalks and driveways, a day and a half after the last snow fall. He said he spoke to the plow guy and he said he was doing what he was told to do, plow back on sidewalk. Mr. Beth said he had to cancel a doctor's appointment for his wife because he could not get out of his driveway, it also took him two and a half hours to remove the snow again. He said he drove around and the 500 block of

Jefferson was not one of the streets with a problem, it is 38 feet wide? Mr. Beth said there needs to be a policy for informing residents, he does not have a computer. K.Hosie said that council is trying to address the issue for the elderly. She explained council does not want to go back to the old way, from November to April, because people complain, don't know what the answer is?

Mr. Parks asked where is the snow supposed to go during a storm? He said there is a serious problem in the 700 block of Jefferson and the 600 block of Madison. He asked that residents use common sense when it's snowing move your car. He said he parks on his grass. Mr. Beth said that people put the snow in the road. Mr. Parks said if you see anyone putting snow in the road to call the police, it is against the law. Mr. Parks said we are working on the Alternate Parking Ordinance.

Fire Chief R.Rood said there are two spots in town the 600 block of Madison Avenue you could not have gotten an emergency vehicle through and there is a daycare there with thirty or forty children. The 700 block of Jefferson Avenue is another trouble spot. Mr.Rood said the snow needs to be pushed back during the first snow. Mrs. Hosie said when it mattered, they didn't plow back to where they are suppose to.

FINANCE – Mr. Estile reported invoices in the amount of \$3,371.50. A motion was made by J.Mcdermott, seconded by B.Parks to approve the invoices in the amount of \$3,371.50. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Parks mentioned a meeting of the Public Works Committee in the future.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Smith said he plans on having a Public Safety Committee next week with the Chief.

RECREATION – J.Allan reported that the Lakeland Youth Basketball Association was completed. He said a great job was done by all and they will be returning next November. He said the gym is currently being used on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday by a men's group. Mr. Parks asked if there will be hitting in the gym? Mr. Fuga said no it will be pitchers and catchers, try outs. Mr. Smallacombe suggested rubber balls not hard balls. Mr.Fuga said he may have mats in his garage for the gym floor. Mr. Allan said the grant for the gym will include playground equipment and the gym floor. Mrs. Hosie asked that we find out the correct cleaner to use on the gym floor. J.Smith suggested including a floor covering. Mr.Allan said he is already working on it.

NEW BUSINESS –

CDBG APPLICATION

RESOLUTION FOR CDBG APPLICATION – A motion was made by B.Parks seconded by W.Estile to pass a resolution to submit an application to Lackawanna County CDBG

for the paving of Henry Drive and the 700 block of Madison Avenue. All members were in favor.

MARK COONS SCHOLARSHIP – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by J.Allan to donate \$100.00 to the Mark Coons Scholarship. All members were in favor.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING PICKUP – A motion was made by B.Parks, seconded by J.Wilson to have an electronic recycling day on April 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the borough garage. All members were in favor.

RECYCLING TRUCK BID – Only one bid was received from Archbald Borough, at \$10,001.00. K.Hosie asked that the matter be discussed. J.Wilson asked wasn't the opening price at \$22,500.00? Mr. Parks said that was a starting point, we will never get that. J.Wilson asked do we have to sell it immediately? B.Parks said we don't want it setting around. W.Estile suggested breaking the truck up, taking the body off the chassis, perhaps make it into a dump truck. Mr.Fuga said it would plow snow.

REJECTION OF RECYCLING TRUCK BID –A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by W.Estile to refuse the bid submitted by Archbald Borough for the recycling truck at \$10,001.00. All members were in favor.

RE-ADVERTISE BIDS FOR RECYCLING TRUCK

A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by J.McDermott to re-advertise in the Scranton Times and look into options with the help of Lackawanna Auction. All members were in favor.

RE-APPOINT ACTING CHIEF WILLIAM ARTHUR

A motion was made by J.McDermott, seconded by J.Smith to re-appoint William Arthur as Acting Chief until next meeting or Daniel Zellers returns. All members were in favor.

HERITAGE BIKE TOUR – A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by J.Allan to approve the letter for the Heritage Bike Tour to come thorough Jermyn on June 14. All members were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS – Lcab Dinner, March 20 , please notify secretary.

Attorney Nicholls asked Chief Arthur to look into training or assistance to school crossing guards, the Chief will look into it.

Mr. Allan took this time to inform council that the fire company recognized 5 members:

Thomas Usher – 68 years of service

D.Stephens – 58 years of service

C. Battenberg – 58 years of service

D.Rosemergy – 58 years of service

K.Morcom – 51 years of service

Mayor Smallacombe informed council the Red Cross is asking for nominations for everyday heroes. The application will be in the borough office.

RUSHBROOK CREEK PROPERTIES

A motion was by J.Wilson seconded by, J.McDermott granting authority to Solicitor Nicholls to proceed with looking into the condemnation of those properties involved with the Rushbrook Creek Project. All members were in favor.

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