

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL NOVEMBER 12,2015

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, October 8 2015, on roll call the following members were present: J.Wilson, W.Estile, J.Allan and K. Hosie. J.McDermott, J.Smith and B.Parks were absent. Mayor Smallacombe and Attorney Nichols were in attendance.

MINUTES – A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by W.Estile to adopt the minutes as presented. All members were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT – W.Estile gave the financial report:

Beginning Balance	– \$ 211,463.26
Deposits	– \$ 47,351.16
Expenses	– \$ 36,339.65
Ending Balances	– \$ 222,474.77

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

MAYOR – Mr. Smallacombe said that the officers are doing a great job and hope we can find the funds to increase their salary. The Historical Society is planning a trip to Lake Seneca, at a Winery in November. Mr. Smallacombe asked that a committee be established for the 150-year centennial. A motion was made to move forward to form a committee for the planning of the Centennial by J.Wilson, seconded by W.Estile. All members were in favor. The Events Committee is working on nominations for the yearly awards and annual dinner on February 20.

FIRE CHIEF– Chief Rood said he has the smoke detectors and to contact the borough office. He also said the water company has replaced four hydrants in town.

PUBLIC INPUT – Girl Scout Troop 50440 asked permission to have their annual Christmas Light Parade on December 12 at 6:00 p.m. A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by W.Estile to allow the girl scouts to have the annual Christmas Light Parade on December 12 at 6:00 . All members were in favor. Mrs. Wilson said they will need to get an application from recreation.

Heather Carpenter, 210 Rushbrook Street, asked if she can place a cork board in the hall at the borough building, decorate it for holidays, the police and committees can use it, to the left of the police station. Council so agreed.

Ann Boylan, 330 Washington Avenue, explained that her neighbor and herself spend hours raking leaves behind their properties and they have no trees. Can the borough help with gathering the leaves? K.Hosie said the borough is currently looking into the purchasing of a leaf vacuum, Mr. Estile said we are going to make a motion tonight concerning the purchase of a leaf blower.

FINANCE – A motion was made by J. Allan, seconded by J.Wilson to pay invoices in the amount of \$ 1,566.59. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS – A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Allan, to allow the DPW to bid on a leaf blower, up to \$2,900.00. All members were in favor. J.Wilson asked if it could be used for ditches and drains? Mrs. Hosie said, yes she talked to A.J. about it.

PUBLIC SAFETY – J.Wilson said she received several quotes concerning the trees on Shields' Court that have to be taken down, one bid was for \$5,000.00. Mrs. Wilson said she got a quote from Jeremy Perrault for \$1,100.00, both trees cut up and anyone who would like the wood can take it. Attorney Nichols said to obtain a certificate of insurance. A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by J.Allan to have Jeremy Perrault cut down the trees on Shields Courts for \$1,100.00 and to provide a certificate of insurance. All members were in favor.

Mr.Smallacombe reported the Steamtown Marathon has changed their route, they will be crossing Bridge Street and taking the new trail, it takes place on October 11. He took this time to thank the fire police, fire department and the police for their assistance every year. Mr. Estile said the road will be shut down from Gibson to Rushbrook on Washington.

RECREATION– Mr. Markey reported that the recreation committee received and accepted Heather Carpenters resignation, and asked that council appoint Chris Jordan. A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by J.Wilson to accept the resignation of H.Carpenter and to appoint Chris Jordan to the recreation committee. The recreation committee will be hosting a trunk or treat for children 12 and under on October 27 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The residents will decorate their cars and hand out candy, prizes will be given for the best decoration and kid's costume. Mr.Markey asked for permission to shut down Mellow Court from 6:30 to 9:00, between Bacon and Gibson Streets. A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by W.Estile to shut down Mellow Court between Bacon and Gibson Streets from 6;30 to 9:00. All members were in favor. J.Wilson said residents of mellow Court should be notified, Mr. Markey said he would do it. Mr.Markey said that they have applied for a grant for playground equipment and in the process it was noted that the small metal slide is dangerous and asked for permission to remove it. A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Allan to have permission to remove the small slide. All members were in favor. Mr. Markey addressed the issue with the snack machine in the hall, he said he did not know the recreation committee needed council approval, he said the ordinance says major decisions are to be approved by council. He felt the machine will be on camera in the hallway if it was to be tampered with.

A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Wilson approved keeping the snack machine in the hall. All members were in favor. Mrs. Wilson asked that the area be neat and the machine kept working. Mr. Markey said the reason they purchased the machine was to generate money to put back in community. Mr. Markey said they would also like

the soda machine in the hall. A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Allan to allow the soda machine to be placed in the hall, if there is enough clearance. Motion passed 3 to 1 with K.Hosie voting no.

ROADS COMMITTEE – Mrs. Wilson reported for Mr. Smith, said he has been in contact with the water company and our prospective paving list was sent to the water company and they will look at the streets. And to postpone the approval of the roads to pave for another month. A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by J.Allan to appoint Lou DeMarco as the public liaison to the roads committee. All members were in favor. Mr. Smith thanked Mr.DeMarco for his assistance. Mr.Smith asked that our pave cut ordinance be sent to Attorney Nichols.

ZONING OFFICER – Mr. Chase reported several permits have been issued, there was a problem with a shed on a property line and it has been moved. There are some signs put up in town and he will contact the people. Mrs. Hosie asked about a group on Fridays in front of the post office with signs in the greenway. Attorney Nichols said to be careful, freedom of speech. Mrs. Wilson said perhaps they can be asked to move? Mrs. Hosie said they were and they said no. Mrs. Wilson reminded everyone that no signs are allowed at girl scout corner, there are electrical wires underground.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS – Mrs. Hosie reported she attended the Christmas Light Committee meeting and the wreaths need lights, 3400 bulbs are needed. The committee has \$900.00, the Events Committee is donating \$1,000.00, the total cost is \$3,400.00. The committee will be going to businesses for donations and will place a piece in the paper. They are LED lights and cost \$1.00 apiece.

INSURANCE PACKAGE – Attorney Nichols said he spoke to both bidders J.Kyle and Mr. Cummings. He explained the Workers Compensation bid is fixed by the state, so there will be no difference there. Attorney Nichols said he researched both bids and there are some small differences but the main issue is the employer practices and the heart and lung act, the deductibles. The deduction on employer practices for Cummings is \$10,000.00 and for DGK \$2,000.00, this was his main area of concern. Attorney Nichols recommended DGK. A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by J.Allan to award DGK the 2015-2016 insurance package in the amount of \$65,351.00. All members were in favor.

WASHINGTON AVENUE ORDINANCE – A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by J.Allan to give Attorney Nichols permission to advertise the ordinance for the 500 and 600 block of Washington and the 100 block of Rushbrook Street. All members were in favor. (copy available at borough office)

DPW BUSH HOG – A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by W.Estile to allow Attorney Nichols to advertise the DPW bush hog for sale. All members were in favor.

Attorney Nichols gave council figures for borrowing funds for paving at \$280,000.00 the payment would be \$60,748.00 a year for five years.

JST REQUESTS – A motion was made to approve JST to allow parking at the borough's lot for November 30 from 7:00a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for NYC trip and on October 14 from 4:00p.m. to 11:00 p.m. by W.Estile, seconded by J.Allan. All members were in favor.

VETERAN'S DAY – A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Allan to give permission to close Bridge Street from 10:30 to 12:30 for the Veteran's Day Celebration. All members were in favor.

MONROE GAMING RESOLUTION – A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by J.Allan to pass a resolution to apply for a grant in the amount of \$129,027.00 with the Monroe Gaming. All members were in favor.

FIRE SIREN – A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by W.Estile to have the fire siren fixed at the dpw garage at a cost of \$700.00. All members were in favor.

DPW TRAILER –A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by W.Estile to sell the DPW trailer to the STC and the Jermyn Events Committee in the amount of \$200.00. All members were in favor.

RE-APPOINT WILLIAM ARTHUR – A motion was made by W.Estile seconded by J.Wilson to re-appoint W.Arthur as Acting Chief until the next meeting or Chief Zellers returns. All members were in favor.

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