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Jermyn Borough Council met on December 10,2015. On roll call the following members were present: J.Wilson, W.Estile, J.Smith and K.Hosie. J.McDermott, J.Allan and B.Parks were absent. Attorney Nichols and Mayor Smallacombe were in attendance.

MINUTES– A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Wilson to accept the minutes of November 12,2015. All members were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT– W.Estile gave the financial report:

Beginning Balance	– \$160,114.72
Deposits	– \$31,525.15
Transfer	– \$40,000.00
Expenses	– \$ 67,949.50
Tax Anticipation	– \$101,369.16
Ending Balance	– \$ 62,321.21

A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by W.Estile to accept the financial report as presented , Mr. Smith asked didn't we have a discussion concerning the budget? The borough's system is archaic, it should be accountable to all departments, where the budget is over or under. Mrs. Wilson said that's what the computer does. Mr.Estile said the computer printout gives us a breakdown of all accounts. Mr. Smith said we can continue the discussion with the new council. Motion passed three to one, with Mr. Smith voting no.

MAYOR– The Mayor reported the police are doing a good job, juveniles were arrested for doing damage to the borough building. One of the newly hired part time officers is ready to have his rate of pay go up and Mr. Estile will address it later. The Events Committee dinner is on February 20, tickets are available, the 2nd annual home decoration contest is going on, the Christmas parade is this Saturday, the Christmas show is December 13th at 3:00 and the recreation committee will have a movie for the kids in the gym on December 20th.

FIRE CHIEF – Mr. Rood said the siren is working good and B.Chase and himself have been working on the one at the Artesian it is a little iffy, he has looked on e-bay for another costing from \$100.00 to \$200.00.

K.Hosie took this time to congratulate J.Smith and J.Wilson on their re-election. And congratulated Frank Kulick, Dan Markey and Kevin Napoli on their election to council.

PUBLIC INPUT– Mr. Whitiak, 512 Garfield, said Mr. Smith's approach to the budget is a good idea and he saw Mrs. Wilson record of the JSTC and it is excellent. He asked about the road project with the water company. Mrs. Hosie said we have not heard back from the water company yet. Mr. Smith said Mr. DeMarco's experience has helped and he is the liaison with the roads committee's council is not experienced in all areas.

FINANCE – A motion was made to pay invoices in the amount of \$2,482.88 by J.Smith ,seconded by J.Wilson. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY– Mr. Estile said that Officer T.Cramer has completed training and his rate of pay is to be increased to \$12.00 an hour. A motion was made by W.Estile seconded by J.Wilson to raise T.Cramer’s rate of hourly pay from \$11.00 an hour to \$12.00 an hour. All members were in favor.

Mr. Estile said that Chief Arthur asked Attorney Nichols if certain people could be banned from the borough building such as the juveniles who damaged the property? Attorney Nichols will look into it.

The Mayor asked if the road project by the water company was inspected? The joints need to be tarred. Mr. Smith said Mr. Bomba also had a question about the paving on Roosevelt Street. Mr. Smith asked the borough secretary to contact Tony Grizzanti to look into the issue.

NEW BUSINESS – A motion was made by W.Estile ,seconded by J.Wilson to preliminarily accept the interest rate of 1.59% from Peoples for a tax anticipation loan and to give him permission to advertise and prepare the resolution. All members were in favor.

RIVERVIEW LANE BID – A motion was made by W.Estile ,seconded by J.Smith to accept the bid in the amount of \$18,000.00 for the property located on Riverview Lane. All members were in favor. A motion was made to give Attorney Nichols permission to draw up a resolution authorizing the president and secretary to sign whatever closing documents are necessary on the Riverview Lane property by J.Smith, seconded by W.Estile . All members were in favor.

FLOOD PROJECT – Attorney Nichols said Attorney Bertollette met with Andy Malene of DEP and they worked somethings out and will be submitting some items to surveyors. Attorney Bertollette suggested to A.Melene to have one easement that all can sign rather than separate easements. Attorney Nichols said there has been eight changes to the property owners since last year. Once the surveyors are ready we can get the temporary and permanent easements, if owners don’t sign, it will have to go into condemnation. Mr. Nichols said Theta and D&L have no problem with the process. Mr. Smith asked how many properties are there? Mr. Nichols said 32, 4 or 5 are in the creek and one will be condemnation as the owner cannot be found. Attorney Nichols said because of mitigation problems the borough cannot get started in their part until those issues are solved.

RESIGNATION OF JEFFREY MCDERMOTT – A motion was made by J.Smith ,seconded by J.Wilson to accept the resignation of Jeffrey McDermott ,dated December 31,2015. All members were in favor. Mr. Smith thanked Mr. McDermott for his service.

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

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING – A motion was made by J.Wilson seconded by W.Estile to have the re-organization meeting on January 4 at 7:00, with work session afterward. All members were in favor.

Mrs. Wilson said that 19 Main Street Lights are not working, DPW cannot repair them because doing so with a ladder is very dangerous, this is a safety issue. She contacted Archbald and asked for their assistance in putting up the Christmas Wreaths and they did so at no charge to the borough. She asked DPW to obtain prices on an utility truck which could enable DPW to fix Main Street lights and put Christmas lights up. She said they found one for \$5000.00, but when they went back it was already sold. Mrs. Wilson made a motion to give the DPW a limit of \$6,000.00 to buy an utility truck, with the funds from the recycling account. Mr. Demarco asked what would the insurance cost on the truck? Mr. Smallacombe asked if the DPW has to be certified to use the truck. Mrs. Wilson said no. Mr. DeMarco said with a used vehicle you could possibly have to put thousands into it and is it worth the cost to use it for four or five days a year? Mrs. Wilson said it would be used more than four or five days a year. Mr. Estile said does the truck have a bucket? Mrs. Wilson replied yes, Mr. Estile said than it is a bucket truck. Mr. Estile suggested waiting until January, he went to Adams Cable and they said they may have some in January and took the borough office number. Motion failed, a second was not made.

Mr. Smith thanked K.Hosie, J.Allan and W.Estile for their service on council.

Mr. DeMarco said he attended a planning commission meeting and has concerns about a proposed subdivision that was submitted to the planning commission. He said KBA said they would work with the problems in the field, he said he did not see any road plans or availability letters?? Council did not have any knowledge of the subdivision. John Frankosky said B.Chase took the plans to KBA. Mr.Demarco said he does not want another Raymond Development and KBA is too close to the community. Council thanked him for the information.

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