

Jermyn Borough

Council Meeting

2/6/20

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers of the Jermyn Borough Building, 440 Jefferson Ave, Jermyn PA.

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Kulick with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following members were present: Frank Kulick, Kristen Dougherty, Jennifer Schreiner, Carl Tomaine, Kevin Napoli, and Robert Hunt. Attorney Aquilino, Mayor Fuga, Isabella Brown and Stanley Hallowich were also present. Cynthia Stephens, KBA and Bob Chase were absent.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by K. Napoli to accept the minutes of 1/16/20 as presented. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion carried.

**Bills Payable:** A motion was made by J. Schreiner to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by K. Napoli. All members in favor, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Public Comment:** Richard Farrell, 384 Washington Ave. states he realizes it is February and there is no road work being done, but he wanted to bring to council's attention the disastrous condition of the alleyway behind his house. The alleyway has been bad for years, and he understands it's been on a list for a long time, and he'd like to have it moved to the top of the list. K. Dougherty asked which alleyway it was? Mayor Fuga stated Davis Ct. He states there's nothing left to it, and even if we put something in there, it comes right back out. Mayor Fuga stated we want to look at his alleyway this year with liquid fuels funds; it's the next one on the list.

Ann Boylan from the Jermyn Shade Tree Commission is trying to organize a bus trip to the Philadelphia Floral Show on February 29, 2020. The community center is the meeting place for the bus. Tickets are \$80. F. Kulick asked how many people they need? She stated 44 will fill the bus.

**2020 Tax Ordinance Amendment:** F. Kulick stated the 2020 Tax Ordinance Amendment has been duly advertised and available for inspection at the borough office. A motion was made by K. Dougherty to pass the 2020 Tax Ordinance Amendment (Ordinance 3-2020). Seconded by K. Napoli. All members in favor, motion carried.

**Tax Collector Appointment:** F. Kulick explained that our tax collector resigned. We advertised the position in the newspaper and on Facebook. A tax collector interview committee was appointed of F. Kulick, K. Dougherty, and C. Tomaine. Both applicants were interviewed and qualified. The committee would like to recommend Jeanette Brown of 34 Old Mill Rd. to be appointed to tax collector to fill the unexpired term that ends on 12/31/21. A motion was made by K. Napoli to appoint Jeanette Brown as tax collector, seconded by J. Schreiner. All members in favor, motion carried. F. Kulick asked D. Markey to send a letter to Michael Hollow thanking him for his interest.

**EMA Coordinator Appointment:** K. Napoli thanked Ralph Bensing for all of his years as EMA director. Mr. Bensing has declined to continue due to health reasons. Mr. Napoli stated we respectfully accept his

declination. K. Napoli spoke with Jim Perry, who is EMA director for Mayfield, PA. Mr. Perry received the approval from Mayfield Borough Council to serve as Jermyn's EMA director as well. A motion was made by K. Napoli to appoint Jim Perry as the EMA Director for Jermyn. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All members in favor, motion carried.

**DPW Part Time Employee Hire:** J. Schreiner stated A.J. Wormuth applied for part time DPW to assist in plowing, and was interviewed. A motion was made by J. Schreiner to hire A.J. Wormuth as Part Time DPW at the rate of \$10/hour. Seconded by K. Dougherty. All members in favor, motion carried.

**Fire Companies:** F. Kulick stated we are in discussion with both fire companies in town regarding the use of alcohol, based on the incident that occurred at the Crystal Fire Company over the holidays. F. Kulick stated he has nothing further to report other than there are ongoing discussions between the borough and the fire companies firming up the rules regarding alcohol.

**Commission Project Review:** F. Kulick stated he believes it is in the best interest of the borough for either commission of the borough, either Shade Tree or Recreations, to have the solicitor review any contracts for major projects prior to entering into agreement. Ann Boylan, Shade Tree Commission President asked what the borough considers a major project? Is it by dollar amount, length of time, area of concern, etc? F. Kulick stated it would more be area of concern, because the Shade Tree could hire someone for \$1000 to knit items to sell, and the borough isn't concerned about that, but if we are doing work in the town, where the town safety, traffic, etc. is involved, that is where he would like to see the contract review. Mrs. Boylan asked if he considers the cleaning of leaves, weeds, etc. all down Main St., mulching, etc. to be considered a major project? F. Kulick stated no, because there is no contract; they are doing the work themselves. He stated if they're entering into contract with someone to take down trees, etc., that would be something that should be review by the solicitor. F. Kulick passed the gavel to Vice President K. Dougherty. F. Kulick made a motion to pass a resolution to have any contracts entered into by any commission of the borough reviewed by the solicitor. Seconded by K. Napoli. All members in favor, motion carried. K. Dougherty passed the gavel back to F. Kulick.

F. Kulick asked Shade Tree what the status is of the next wave of Hometown Hero banners? Mrs. Boylan stated it's currently on hold. They have to go out and get the pole numbers for the PPL poles, and they think they are not going to enter into agreement with Verizon unless they have to. After they get PPL approval, they will proceed. The price will be higher than on the decorative pole.

**Governor's Budget:** F. Kulick stated that the governor's proposed budget includes a fee to every municipality to go to the fund the state police, whether we use them or not. Jermyn's required contribution would be over \$8,600. F. Kulick stated he would like to write a letter to all our representatives, as well as the governor, to let them know we do not approve.

**MS4 Minute:** D. Markey played a short video about stormwater management.

**Parking Lot Paving:** D. Markey stated the borough received an LSA grant for \$50K to pave the parking lot. We received an extension in order to construct our building. KBA has advised the parking lot paving is ready for bid. A motion was made by K. Dougherty to allow KBA to advertise bidding for the parking lot paving. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All members in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** With no other business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by K. Napoli to adjourn, seconded by K. Dougherty. All in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Markey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Daniel Markey

Borough Manager