

Jermyn Borough

Council Meeting

11/19/20

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Jermyn Borough Building, 440 Jefferson Ave. Jermyn, PA 18433.

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, Kevin Napoli, Jennifer Schreiner, Cynthia Stephens, and Robert Hunt. Mayor Fuga and Amanda Rzucidlo were also present. Carl Tomaine, Kathlyn Goodwin, Bob Chase, Stanley Hallowich, KBA, and Jim Perry were absent.

Minutes: A motion was made by K. Dougherty to accept the minutes of 11/5/20 as presented. Seconded by C. Stephens. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Bills Payable: D. Markey presented the Treasurer's Report:

November 5, 2020

ASSETS

Capital Reserve - DPW	13,427.45
Capital Reserve - Police	2,606.44
Crime Watch Fund	755.44
General Fund - Community	191,597.22
General Fund - FNB	1,975.68
Holiday Lights Fund	543.90
Investment - General Fund	1.39
Investment - Liquid Fuels	34,291.59
Investment - Paving Fund	11.91
Investment - Recycling	2,002.59
Investment - Refuse	2,604.00
Liquid Fuels - FNB	32,426.36
Petty Cash	176.42
Recreations Fund	8,756.02
Recycling - Community	11,645.86
Refuse Checking - FNB	46,193.78
Total Checking/Savings	357,620.63

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

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D. Markey explained that he is waiting for certified payroll to pay Stafursky for the parking lot, then will submit for grant reimbursement for \$50K. Also, D. Markey is beginning to place funds back into the Invest Accounts in \$1K increments.

A motion was made by C. Stephens to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as presented. Seconded by K. Dougherty. All members in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: F. Kulick read a letter of resignation from Council Member Jennifer Schreiner due to moving out of the borough, effective 11/30/20. A motion was made by K. Napoli to accept Mrs. Schreiner's resignation effective 11/30/20 with regret. Seconded by C. Stephens. All members in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

2021 Budget: F. Kulick explained that the council met to have a budget hearing on 11/12/20, and the presented budget stands for a motion for advertisement tonight. We don't need to go line item by line item, but the key points are:

- Elimination of 1 mill Special Fire Protection Tax
- Elimination of 4 mill Special Debt Reduction Tax
- No increase in garbage fee over 2020 (Still \$255/unit)
- Increase in contributions for both Crystal Fire Company and Artisan Fire Company from \$5,000 to \$7,000
- Funding of \$5,000 Rushbrook Creek Project Fund – Indications from State Agencies and Army Corps of Engineers that project may begin in 2021
- Paving of Dwight Ave. and possibly more alleyways to be resurfaced

The budget is balanced, and we need to vote to put out to advertise that it is available for inspection for 10 days. A motion was made by K. Napoli to advertise that the 2021 budget is available for inspection for a 10 day period. Seconded by K. Dougherty. All members in favor, motion carried. F. Kulick thanked the Finance Committee – C. Tomaine, R. Hunt, D. Markey, and himself – and thanked all of council who contributed to the budget.

Ordinance #17-2020: F. Kulick announced that Ordinance #17-2020 has been duly advertised, and allows the borough to place stop signs at the corner of Raymond Dr. and Garfield Ave. A motion was made by J. Schreiner to pass Ordinance #17-2020 in regards to Stop Signs at Garfield and Raymond. Seconded by K. Dougherty. All members in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #18-2020: F. Kulick read Resolution #18-2020 to apply for LSA Grant Funding to finish the inside of the DPW Pole Building. A motion was made by C. Stephens to pass Resolution #18-20. Seconded by K. Dougherty. All members in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #19-2020: F. Kulick read Resolution #19-2020 to apply for LSA Grant Funding to purchase a 2021 Ford Explorer Interceptor Police Vehicle. A motion was made by K. Napoli to pass Resolution #19-20. Seconded by J. Schreiner. All members in favor, motion carried.

Rental Ordinance Discussion: The solicitor is not present tonight. D. Markey stated everyone was supposed to bring their ideas regarding the rental ordinance to discuss. F. Kulick stated this will be tabled until later.

New Business: F. Kulick stated he attended the PSAB webinar on Social Media Pitfalls. As public officials, we should refrain commenting on borough business on our own personal pages, and if there are other pages or groups, the only comments that should be made is, if someone has a complaint, the proper channels to send the complaint to, or that the person should attend a council meeting. The other suggestion is that the Borough Facebook page should have a disclaimer added that the page is for informational purposes only, and that comments will not be responded to.

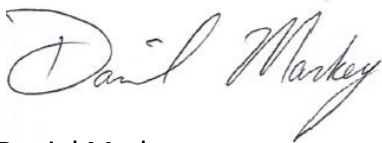
D. Markey stated he received some bills from KBA. One is for R&L Carriers, which was forwarded to them, and they will handle. Another was a private resident regarding a hole that opened up on his private property, and the borough received a bill. F. Kulick stated we shouldn't pay it. R. Hunt stated the homeowner's insurance should cover it. D. Markey stated homeowners doesn't always cover it unless there's a specific rider. D. Markey stated he will contact KBA to see if we should send the invoice to the resident.

F. Kulick thanked J. Schreiner for her service on council. F. Kulick asked D. Markey to post that there is an opening on council and for interested applicants to have letters of interest in by December 10th.

K. Napoli would like it put on the record that the decision to increase the funding for both fire companies from \$5,000 to \$7,000 in the 2021 budget was decided prior to social media attacks on him and his children were made, and the social media post author's stupidity had no determination on what was decided as a council

Adjournment: With no other business to come before the meeting, a motion was made to adjourn by K. Napoli. Seconded by K. Dougherty. All members in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Markey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Daniel Markey
Borough Manager