

Jermyn Borough

Council Meeting

4/2/20

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm in via ezTalks virtual meeting, due to the current state of emergency.

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, Cynthia Stephens, Kevin Napoli, Carl Tomaine, and Robert Hunt. Attorney Aquilino, Mayor Fuga and Isabella Brown were also present. KBA, Stanley Hallowich and Bob Chase were absent.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by C. Stephens to accept the minutes of 3/19/20 as presented. Seconded by J. Schreiner. All in favor, motion carried.

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

**Correspondence:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Flood Plain Management Ordinance:** F. Kulick announced the Flood Plain Management Ordinance was duly advertised, and needs a vote to pass. A motion was made by C. Tomaine to pass the Flood Plain Management Ordinance #06-2020 as advertised. Seconded by J. Schreiner. All members in favor, motion carried. Richard Farrell asked, via chat function, "can you give a quick summary of what the flood plain ordinance is?" D. Markey explained that FEMA has assisted Lackawanna County in updating the flood maps. In Jermyn, the maps are reducing in size, meaning many people are coming out of the flood plain. In order for Jermyn to be included, the borough had to update our flood plain ordinance. The ordinance states that anyone building in a flood zone obtain a permit from the borough first.

**New Business:** D. Markey informed council about what is going on in the borough during the state of emergency. Chief Arthur has informed the public that the Jermyn Police Department is able and willing to help anyone that may need medication or groceries. D. Markey and Mayor Fuga assisted in Archbald Borough's food giveaway yesterday. R. Hunt approached him about possibly having one of those drives in Jermyn, and the Scranton Lackawanna Human Development Agency contacted the borough about the possibility of hosting an emergency food giveaway. Chief Arthur stated due to the traffic, we should see if we can do a food giveaway at Jermyn Supply, as having one in town could shut the town down with the traffic issues we saw at the Wright Center.

D. Markey explained that 2019 garbage fee delinquent property owners were sent letters stating that if the fees weren't paid by 3/31/20, the garbage would cease being picked up until everything was paid and proof was shown to the borough. He also explained that we have a procedure that tax delinquent property owners do not customarily receive services from the borough, such as DPW chipping and leaf collection, however, due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, he is suspending the rules regarding the garbage delinquency and tax delinquency, noting that we need to do everything possible for our residents. C. Tomaine asked if a motion needs to be made for that? D. Markey stated no, he is making an executive decision.

K. Dougherty asked if we still had to do something with the paving bids? F. Kulick stated we haven't heard back from KBA yet, but D. Markey had something to say about it. D. Markey stated if we look into a debt consolidation loan right now, we can probably get a loan to consolidate all our other debt, and wrap the rest of the paving project into the loan. D. Markey stated he can do some fact finding right now. C. Tomaine stated it is a good idea, and it doesn't cost anything to see if we can save.

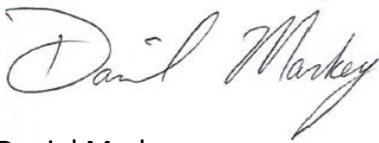
D. Markey stated he was also in contact with the American Red Cross about the possibility of a blood drive in Jermyn also. Chief Arthur asked if they're doing a blood mobile, or if they need a gym? I. Brown stated the YMCA used the gym recently. Chief Arthur stated if we need to use the gym, and if they're doing appointment only, that should be fine.

D. Markey stated Chief Arthur's sidewalk chalk contest promotes social distancing, and helps the kids have a little fun before Easter. We will try to continue to try to keep morale up in Jermyn as we continue the state of emergency.

**Executive Session:** F. Kulick announced executive session for personnel reasons at 7:18pm. Executive session resumed at 7:25pm

**Adjournment:** With no other business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by K. Napoli to adjourn, seconded by C. Stephens. 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 above the printed name.

Daniel Markey

Borough Manager