

Jermyn Borough

Council Meeting

5/16/19

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2019 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, Jennifer Schreiner, Cynthia Stephens, Joanne Wilson, and Kristen Dougherty. Kevin Napoli joined the meeting at 7:28 pm. Mayor Fuga and Attorney Aquilino were also present. Dan Markey, Carl Tomaine, Chief Arthur, Bob Chase, KBA, Stanley Hallowich, and Ann Marie DeSanto were absent.

Minutes: A motion was made by J. Schreiner to accept the minutes of 5/2/19 as presented. Seconded by J. Wilson. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tabled until borough manager arrives.

Correspondence: A thank you card was read by the family of Catherine Whiting. Meals on Wheels is searching for volunteers to deliver meals. J. Wilson asked for it to be posted to Rapid Cast? F. Kulick said yes.

Public Comment: Riley Bevan asked about chickens? F. Kulick stated it's on the agenda for tonight.

Karen Bevan asked if Dwight Ave can be paved? T. Fuga stated after the alleyways, we can see where we're at and possibly do something. K. Dougherty stated we applied for a grant to pave Dwight Ave., but the application was just submitted. F. Kulick stated we did a sizeable paving project about 3 years ago, and we'll need to figure something out with other roadways as well.

Basil Kleha stated the alleyway behind him, Davis Ct., is unbelievable how well it came out. T. Fuga stated Mr. Avery's garage roof is deteriorating, and the water is running down in front of his garage, and going to cause a problem. J. Wilson asked if a rain gutter would help his situation? T. Fuga stated yes. He stated we need to figure out a way to lock it down so we don't ruin when we plow. Due to the trees, we don't have a lot of sunlight back there, which would lock down the millings.

Basil Kleha stated 99 Franklin St hasn't been lived in for about six months, and the grass is getting high. W. Aquilino stated he will take care of it.

J. Wilson stated the St. James/St. George Church serve lunches during the summer, but they're not doing it this year. They still want to do it in Jermyn, but not at the church. They would like to hold it at the borough building, and she was thinking the American Legion room, all summer long, from 12-1 pm. J. Schreiner and C. Stephens stated no one really goes to that lunch program. F. Kulick stated they need to present us with a plan on how it's going to be managed.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Fuga reported that Chief Arthur and Manager Markey went to Koch Ford yesterday to look at a demo of the new 2020 Police Vehicle we will be purchasing. Once it gets off the line, it will go there for upfitting, and then we will take delivery.

Code Enforcement Officer: W. Aquilino reported that we have filed charges against the owner of 708 Madison Ave with the district magistrate, and we're waiting for assignment of the hearing date.

Repairs have allegedly been completed on 106-118 Rushbrook St, however we've had increase in police activity, so we've asked the owner and property manager to attend the June council meeting.

434 Delaware St. – A complaint was submitted regarding this address, however no violation was found.

614-616 Washington – Delinquent garbage fees still have not been paid, nor were repairs made, nor do they have a valid rental permit. A citation will be issued.

504 Lincoln Ave - A complaint was submitted regarding garbage in the alley, carport, trucks, branches. A violation letter was reissued to the correct address – 308 Bacon St.

522 Jefferson Ave has been cited, and is cooperating with the borough. They have 30 days to correct their code issues.

A citation was issued for garbage being put out when fees had not been paid at the Beauty Salon on Rushbrook St. Those fees have since been paid.

611 Jefferson Ave. Owner submitted a complaint about paving done next to his property. No violation was found.

511 – 513 Washington Ave – rental permit has been reinstated. He has been given to the end of May to reimburse the borough for inspection fees.

427 Washington Ave. – Property has received a final warning. If not remedied, we will file a citation with the district magistrate.

Planning Commission: Nothing to report.

Recreations: Nothing to report.

Grants Committee: K. Dougherty reported the CDBG grant application was submitted this week.

Shade Tree: J. Wilson reported the grass is being cut down the greenway, and once it's done, the shade tree will only be doing the business district after that. More trees and shrubs to be planted. Hometown Hero flags are up to Ann Boylan and Laureen Pidgeon. Next meeting is 6/11/19. T. Fuga reported the bicycle rack and flagpoles were ordered.

Finance: F. Kulick reported the committee will begin to work on the 2020 budget, probably beginning in July.

MS4: C. Stephens stated nothing to report. They're going to have a meeting.

Chicken Ordinance: F. Kulick advised ordinance #03-2019 was duly advertised and open for inspection at the borough office. The ordinance allows for up to four chickens, and a permit will be required. F. Kulick made a motion to pass ordinance #03-2019 allowing chickens in Jermyn. Seconded by J. Schreiner. All present members in favor, motion carried.

Right to Know Act Resolution: F. Kulick read resolution #04-2019, urging the state legislature to amend the right to know law against vexatious requestors. A motion was made by F. Kulick to pass resolution 04-2019. Seconded by K. Dougherty. All members in favor, motion carried.

Public Safety: K. Napoli reported that Chief Hallowich was away for a week, and let the captains know.

Bills Payable: A motion was made by K. Napoli to pay the bills as presented, with the exception of TruGreen Chem Lawn. Seconded by C. Stephens. All members in favor, motion carried.

Garbage Contract: W. Aquilino stated he was supposed to review with D. Markey yesterday, but D. Markey was out with Chief Arthur, and they will review tomorrow.

Community Yard Sale: J. Wilson stated the Shade Tree will advertise and do the flyers. A date of August 17th-18th was selected. K. Dougherty suggested to have the borough manager post something on the website and facebook pages reminding everyone about the need for a yard sale permit.

New Business: C. Stephens suggested going to one meeting per month. C. Stephens made a motion to meet on the first Thursday of June, July, and August, and cancel the second monthly meetings in those months. Seconded by K. Napoli. All members in favor, motion carried.

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 7:41 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 left of the typed name and title.

Daniel Markey

Borough Manager