

Jermyn Borough

Council Meeting

6/4/20

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm 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, Kevin Napoli, Jennifer Schreiner, Cynthia Stephens, and Carl Tomaine. Attorney Aquilino and Mayor Fuga were also present. Robert Hunt, Isabella Brown, KBA, Jim Perry, Stanley Hallowich, and Bob Chase were absent.

Minutes: A motion was made by K. Dougherty to accept the minutes of 5/21/20 as presented. Seconded by C. Stephens. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None.

Fireworks Ordinance: F. Kulick asked everyone if they were able to review the fireworks draft ordinance? C. Tomaine stated he received the revised copy, but didn't see a difference. F. Kulick stated the fireworks are limited to Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, during the night before and the night of the holiday. There is a strict 10pm cutoff. All other rules are state rules. C. Stephens stated she's against the ordinance, because what if there is a special occasion? B. Aquilino stated then you would obtain a permit in that case. C. Tomaine asked for further clarification. B. Aquilino stated that if you had an event in which you'd like to set off consumer fireworks, then you would need to obtain a permit through the borough, but if the permit was obtained, you can still use them on a night other than the three holidays indicated. A motion was made by C. Tomaine to advertise the fireworks ordinance. Seconded by J. Schreiner. On a roll call vote, the members voted as such:

F. Kulick – yes

K. Dougherty – yes

K. Napoli – yes

J. Schreiner – yes

C. Stephens – no

C. Tomaine – yes

R. Hunt – absent

On a vote of 5-1, the motion passes. F. Kulick instructed D. Markey to advertise the ordinance prior to the next meeting.

Jermyn 150: F. Kulick stated he spoke with Bruce Smallacombe, who is insistent on waiting another month regarding the postponement of the Jermyn 150 events. F. Kulick asked Mr. Smallacombe to have an answer by the July 2, 2020 meeting regarding the festivities.

Crystal Fire Company: F. Kulick announced he spoke with Captain Allan, and upon the May 27, 2020 meeting, the members voted to pass the strict no tolerance drug & alcohol policy, so there will no longer be alcohol on their grounds, besides a private party rental.

New Business: K. Dougherty asked if there was any further information on the loan consolidation? W. Aquilino stated he spoke with PSAB, who believes we can consolidate all our other loans besides the Revenue Anticipation Note. When that note comes due, we must pay it, and possibly take another for a smaller amount in order to handle the rest of the grant work that has not yet been completed. F. Kulick stated when that loan comes due, we're about \$80K short, due to grant work that has not yet been funded, which we will take from the general fund to pay. We will still proceed with the consolidation loan.

D. Markey stated the county is going to yellow tomorrow, 6/5/20, and once the county goes green, we will probably reopen the borough building and parks, allow yard sales, etc. PENNDOT had street sweepers come through to handle Washington Ave. D. Markey also reported we received notice that our MS4 Report was received and accepted. There were some comments on there about storm drain mapping, outfall inspection, etc. There will be a blood drive here in September. The Walkworks project is progressing, and we have a lot of people volunteering to walk the route and rate it.

F. Kulick noted that the 2019 Liquid Fuels audit came back this week, and he's proud to say that under the leadership of the Borough Manager, for the first time ever, the Jermyn Borough audit came back with no findings.

C. Tomaine asked about any possible loans regarding the PPP for COVID-19. D. Markey stated he checked with the PSAB, and those loans are for private businesses, not municipalities. D. Markey stated we're under the threshold for funding under PEMA also.

F. Kulick asked K. Napoli about the possibility of riots in town. K. Napoli stated he spoke with Chief Arthur. Currently, the threat assessment is low, but if it increases, Chief Arthur is authorized to bring in additional officers if needed.

Adjournment: With no other business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by K. Napoli to adjourn, seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

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