## Jermyn Borough **Council Minutes** August 21, 2025

The Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. 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: Bobbi Ann Davis, Frank Kulick, Jeff Morcom, Carl Tomaine, Kevin Napoli, and Chris Cook. Mayor Tony Fuga and Attorney Brendan Fitzgerald were also present. Mark Kilmer, Bob Chase, KBA, NEIC, Jim Perry, Nicole Stephens, and Stanley Hallowich were absent

<u>Minutes:</u> J. Morcom made a motion to accept the minutes of 7/24/25 as presented, and C. Tomaine seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

## <u>Treasurer's Report/Bills Payable:</u> S. Lee read the treasurer's report:

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Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
American Rescue Plan Fund	93,594.06
Capital Reserve - DPW	1,083.80
Capital Reserve - Police	6,679.82
Crime Watch Fund	222.69
General Fund - Community	100,610.51
General Fund - FNB	4,110.07
Holiday Lights Fund	400.59
Investment - General Fund	1,149.46
Investment - Liquid Fuels	25,308.52
Investment - Paving Fund	1,161.41
Investment - Recycling	126.92
Investment - Refuse	181.00
Liquid Fuels - FNB	41,550.51
Petty Cash	194.00
Recreations Fund	30,004.33
Recycling - Community	7,687.17
Refuse Checking - FNB	244,557.49
Total Checking/Savings	558,622.35
Accounts Payable	

A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and pay current bills by B. Davis. Seconded by J. Morcom. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ratified Bills Paid on 8/11/25: Motion was made to accept bills paid on 8/11/25 by B. Davis. Seconded by J. Morcom. All in favor, motion carried.

10,558.26

**Secretary Report:** None

200000 · Accounts Payable Long Term Debt

Correspondence: None

<u>Public Comment:</u> Steven Rusiniak, 424 Delaware St., approached the council with a request that they consider removing the garbage fee for the 424 Delaware St. property they own, as the structure on the property is uninhabitable. As there are no utilities connected to the structure, such as water, gas, or electricity. Council agreed to have the garbage fee removed from the property until the property becomes livable.

## **Professional Reports:**

Police: Absent

**Fire**: Brandon Allen, on behalf of the Crystal Fire Company, was proud to let the council know they have obtained their certification from the Fire Commissioners' Office for the Participating Department Program. The program is to recognize organizations that support, promote, and encourage their emergency response personnel to voluntarily certify within the Commonwealth's Certification Program administered by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner. Crystal Fire Company has been recognized at the 75% participating level, indicating that over 75% of our firefighters have achieved national certification in firefighting, hazardous materials, or rescue. This achievement would not be possible without the dedication of the men and women who volunteer their time to take classes and learn. They hope this shows the council and the residents the hard work and devotion being made by the volunteers of the department.

EMA: Absent

**Solicitor**: B. Fitzgerald advised that he has reached out to the appraisal office about the third property, as he feels like there was an error with the garage being included, and so the amount needed to be sent to court.

Code Enforcement: NA

Grants: None
Zoning: Absent
Engineer: Absent
Tax Collector: Absent

**Mayor**: A. Fuga was asked by Colin Striefsky to present the council with his plans for the Sterling Pharmacy building. He is aware that he will need to hold a zoning hearing for his building ideas. Once everything goes through with zoning and permits, he wanted to share his plan for the commercial space, and he will also be trying to possibly go for grants for this project, and would like the council's support and possibly a letter of support to help him acquire the grants he will be applying for.

## **Committee Reports:**

Planning: None Public Safety: None

Finance: C. Cook advised that they were not able to get together this past month due to personal matters. But looking at the current budget report received, he still feels comfortable with where the borough stands.

Shade Tree: None Grants: None MS4: None DPW: None

Recreations: S. Lee advised that DPW has completed the tree trimming out front of the Borough building as requested by the council. And he will do some more work shortly out front for recreation around the monuments.

<u>Code enforcement</u>: F. Kulick advised that the person the council had appointed at last month's meeting, unfortunately, was not able to accept the position once contacted for the hire. At this time, we will need to readvertise the position for applications.

<u>Data centers</u>: F. Kulick wanted to address concerns and residential questions being raised regarding the Data Centers. As Jermyn Borough, we have no real say in the data centers as they would not be located within our town. To the extent the borough could get involved, I have drafted a letter to the Archbald Borough Council and Zoning Board, which is a request for is that when they are planning or going through their zoning and planning for this

project, if they would consider adequate setbacks that will protect our residents and those along the boundries of our two towns from the potential of noise, traffic, and possible pollution concerns.

**New business:** C. Tomaine wanted to address an issue with the fire hydrant located at the front of 9 Old Mill Rd. When the water company was flushing the hydrant in this location, they washed away a bunch of gravel into the roadway and caused a hole to the right of the hydrant in front of the resident's property. And he would like to see if the water company can do some restoration in this area.

J. Morcom wanted to let everyone know that the grand opening for the Jermyn Historical Society will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am, and they have requested that any council members who could make it would be appreciated.

A motion was made to enter a brief recess by J. Morcom. Seconded by F. Kulick. All members in favor. Motion carried. Council convened into recess at 8:17 pm. Council reconvened from recess at 8:29 pm.

A motion was made to accept Mark Kilmers' resignation from the council by K. Napoli. Seconded by J. Morcom. All in favor, motion carried.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn by J. Morcom. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Lee, Secretary/ Treasurer