

Council Minutes – November 10 2011

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, November 10, 2011. On roll call the following members were present: J.Allan, J.Smith, W.Shermanski, M.Collins, A.J.Fuga, B.Parks and K.Hosie. Attorney Nicholls and Mayor Mark were in attendance.

MINUTES – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Shermanski to adopt the minutes of October 13, 2011. All members were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT – A motion was made by M.Collins seconded by B.Parks to accept the financial report as presented. All members were in favor.

J.Smith said the beginning balance was \$352,930.24 with an ending balance of \$321,410.01.

MAYOR– Mayor Mark reported that the first alternate parking was in effect, he worked closely with the dpw and it was rescinded the next day. December 11 will be the annual Christmas Show and on December 10 the Christmas Parade starting at 7:00 p.m. The annual Veterans' Day ceremony will be held on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the WW1 Park.

SOLICITOR – Attorney Nicholls reported that the meeting with Attorney Petorak concerning Mr. Langmans' water problem fell through, he did not have the details. The public auction for the Deluchy property on Riverview Lane was to be held tonight but there were no bidders. He will look into the next step.

FIRE CHIEF – Chief Rood reported that there was a meeting concerning how police and fire police can recognize the support staff at a fire. Possibly orange vests, the fire companies are looking into it. Chief Rood once again asked solicitor Nicholls if he has looked into how the fire companies can obtain background checks. Solicitor Nicholls said no.

At this time the Mayor commended the Crystal and Artisan on the great job they did at the fire on Jefferson Avenue.

Chief Rood thanked Paul and Joanie Buchinski for the block party they hosted for all the emergency responders.

PUBLIC INPUT – Mr. Ron Turpack again addressed Council concerning the Virbitsky business on Washington Avenue. Attorney Nicholls said he received the complaints. He addressed the idling of trucks and the biggest problem is who is to enforce the act ? The EPA, state or local? He said he has to do more research.

Concerning inoperable vehicles the property maintenance ordinance will have to be looked at.

Mr. Turpack said he filed his original complaint in February , he received a letter in July? He said it took eight months to receive a reply from zoning. He presented council with a petition from seven people stating the property is a nuisance. Mr. Turpack said that the property value has devalued by at least 10% because of the nuisance.

Mr. Turpack asked if there could be a meeting with council and the mayor? Attorney Nicholls added someone from Jermyn Supply also. B.Parks, A.J.Fuga and M.Collins agreed to attend. Attorney Nicholls said he will contact J.Virbitsky, as to a date.

Mr. Eastlake, Franklin Street, addressed council concerning the water problem in front of his home asking when the matter will be taken care of? Mr. Parks said he will contact KBA concerning the issue.

Mr. Ray Rood, 403 Bacon Street asked council again about the sewer problem at his home. Attorney Nicholls said the borough does not own the road. Attorney Nicholls said the borough would have to sue Mr. Raymond. Attorney Nicholls said Mr. Rood can bring action against Mr. Raymond but does not know if the borough can be a part of it.

FINANCE – A motion was made by W.Shermanski seconded by A.J.Fuga to approve the invoices in the amount of \$6669.50. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Parks reported the new truck is in and will be going to Powells soon. The Christmas lights will be going up on Tuesday.

PUBLIC SAFETY – A.J.Fuga thanked the police and fire police for a good job on Halloween. A motion was made to donate \$100.00 to the county drug Task force by A.J.Fuga seconded by J.Smith. All members were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by W.Shermanski to adopt the 2012 proposed budget in the amount of \$667,995.94. All members were in favor.

K.Hosie said the date for the re-organization meeting will be discussed at the next meeting.

BUEAU VERITAS – Attorney Nicholls said he met with B.Burton and they will be here 1 hour a week from April to September ,the boroughs administrative fees will go up to 20%. Attorney Nicholls said to table the issue until he looks at the current fee schedule.

Council went into executive session, council reconvened from executive session.

A motion was made to adjourn by W.Shermanski seconded by J.Smith. All members were in favor.