

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APRIL 11, 2013

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, March 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: J.Mark, W.Estile, J.Allan, J.Smith, A.J.Fuga, and K.Hosie. B.Parks was absent. Attorney Nicholls and Mayor Smallacombe were present.

MINUTES – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by J.Allan to accept the minutes of February 14, 2013 . All members were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT – There was no Financial Report at this time.

MAYOR– The Mayor reported that Acting Chief Arthur has submitted an extensive monthly report, 974 incidents. He said there are cruiser issues, the SUV is having transmission problems and the borough may have to purchase a new vehicle. Chief Arthur is active with the schools and the Crime Watch.

The Mayor said he received a letter confirming the \$500.00 grant for the Concert in the Park on July 28.

The Events Committee wrapped the annual dinner up with a profit of \$900.00. The annual concert in the park is free, the Events Committee picks up the tab, and there are hot dogs, soda and water. The annual picnic will be September 8 at Alyesworth Park. The Variety Show is September 14. The Historical Society met and discussed the new book on Edgerton, there will be a book signing. Members of Council met with Larry Maleski with the County Rail Authority, about a train station and a lease on a piece of land that is owned by the Rail Authority. At least we could have a platform for Santa and The Easter Bunny, perhaps with grants a museum. He reported the County activities, free tax service for seniors, woman's golf clinic, Armed Forces Day Parade, all events can be seen on the County's website.

SOLICITOR– Attorney Nicholls said that he spoke to Jay O'Connor the attorney for Archbald concerning the piece of land at 320 Delaware Street which is on the delinquent tax list for years that the Borough of Archbald wishes to purchase for a storm water project coming through it. Attorney Nicholls recommended that the Borough sell the property to the Borough of Archbald.

TAX SALE 320 DELAWARE STREET – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by J.Smith to sell the piece of land at 320 Delaware Street, a tax sale, to the Borough of Archbald. All members were in favor.

Attorney Nicholls said he received a letter from Waste Management offering to extend their refuse collection contract with the same terms. Attorney Nicholls said our current contract with Waste Management does not have an extension clause and he will notify WM in writing.

HERITAGE BIKE TOUR – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by W.Estile to sponsor the Heritage Explorer Bike Tour on June 15,2013 and to have the secretary send the requested letter. All members were in favor.

ORDINANCES

AUTHORIZING LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR 2013 – A motion was made by J.Allan seconded by A.J.Fuga to pass an ordinance authorizing levying and collection of taxes for 2013. All members were in favor.

STANDARD PARKING FEES – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga , seconded by W.Estile to pass an ordinance to have all parking fines at a cost of \$25.00.All members were in favor.

APPROVING LANDMARK AS LENDER – A motion was made to approve Landmark Bank as the lender for the Bridge Street Project in the amount of \$100,000.00 by W.Estile seconded by J.Smith. All members were in favor.

AUTHORIZING ATTORNEY NICHOLLS AND COUNCIL TO SIGN ALL LOAN DOCUMENT – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga seconded by J.Allan to authorize Attorney Nicholls and Council to sign all loan documents. All members were in favor.

AUTHORIZING COUNCIL PRESIDENT CATHERINE HOSIE TO SIGN AND ACCEPT BID FROM LANDMARK BANK – A motion was made by J.Marks, seconded by J.Smith to authorize Council President Catherine Hosie to sign and accept the bid from Landmark Bank. All members were in favor.

AUTHORIZING ATTORNEY NICHOLLS TO ADVERTISE THE SECOND LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE BRIDGE STREET LOAN – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by A.J.Fuga to give Attorney Nicholls permission to advertise the second legal ad for the Bridge Street loan. All members were in favor.

Attorney Nicholls said 5 days after the ordinance is in effect than he will meet with the President, Vice-President and Secretary to have documents signed and sent to Community Development.

FIRE CHIEF – Fire Chief Rood said he feels Mr. Langmans water problem should be fixed with the new home being built by Rock Bottom. 10 fire fighters are going to fire fighter one classes. The fire companies had a Fire Relief meeting and the Artisan is getting \$4,500.00 in equipment and the Crystal \$1,500.00.

PUBLIC INPUT – Mr. A. Wilson asked about when the Bridge Street Project will begin. Hopefully we will start the project in May.

Ray Rood said that the DPW have been cleaning the manhole every two weeks, and what is the status of the issue. Attorney Nicholls said he has one more thing to check on before coming to Council.

M.Roberts, Jefferson Avenue said the water in the alley behind the borough building is affecting her garage. K. Hosie said the borough will look into the problem.

B.KELLY ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR 2012 AUDIT– The letter was tabled so Attorney Nicholls can look at it.

J.Wilson took this time to thank all the volunteers who worked at the park Sunday from 9 to 3:30, including but not limited to Mark Kilmer.

Councilman Smith said he was over at the park on Sunday and thanked Mark Kilmer, Joanne Wilson and others for the great job.

FINANCE – A motion was made to pay the invoices in the amount of \$4,488.87, by A.J.Fuga, seconded by J.Mark. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY – A.J.Fuga updated Council about the problems with the police cruisers. He said there was a light bar issue with the crown vic and Chief Arthur got it taken care of. There are still transmission problems with the SUV. Mr. Fuga said we need to get a new cruiser. He received a price of \$35,274.00, including all lights, sirens and graphics. \$12,000.00 a year for three years. If we obtain a new vehicle we can put the Explorer up for sale. K.Hosie we can discuss it at the March 28 work session at 9:00 a.m.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mrs. Morcom said she has meet with a representative from our workmans compensation insurance and if we set up a Safety Committee we can save \$3,800.00 a year on our WC insurance. There will be one day of safety training to be certified. The representative said it should be four members two employees, two management and they have to meet once a month.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by J.Mark to set up a Safety Committee with W.Estile, Deborah Morcom, Joe Esgro and Chief Arthur to serve. All members were in favor.

RESOLUTION BLOCK GRANT – A motion was made by J.Smith , seconded by W.Estile to pass a resolution with the Lackawanna Community Development to re-surface the 400 Block of Jefferson or the 700 block of Madison Avenues. All members were in favor.

K.Hosie informed all that W.Avery, W.Estile, J.Smith and herself met with Larry Maleski of the Lackwannna Rail Authority to discuss leasing Rail Authority property on Chestnut Street for the purpose of a Train Station. She said we can knock down trees, have a small park and clean the area up. The following were appointed to the Train Station

Committee, Art Wilson, Walter Avery, Bruce Smallacombe, Mary Fran Smith, Katherine Nicholls, John Mark, Joseph Smith and the Jermyn Shade Tree Commission.

LEASE– A motion was made to lease property from the Lackawanna Rail Authority for \$250.00 a year on Chestnut Street by A.J.Fuga, seconded by J.Smith. All members were in favor.

Mr.Smith thanked, W.Avery, W.Estile and K.Hosie for taking their time to be at the meeting with the Rail Authority.

Mr. Rood cautioned Council that Mayfield has put their Train Station on hold because they have to come up with between \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

RE-APPOINT WILLIAM ARTHUR – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Estile to appoint William Arthur as acting Chief for a month or until Chief Zellers comes back. All members were in favor.

J.Mark said now that the refuse haulers will no longer pick up electronics, perhaps the Borough can have a collection maybe twice a year? He asked can we get a reduction on our refuse fees? Attorney Nicholls will look into it.

There will be a LCAB dinner on April 18 at 6:00 .

Mayor Smallacombe said he will donate \$50.00 toward the yearly lease for the property on Chestnut Street.

A motion was made to adjourn by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Estile.