

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL SEPTEMBER 10,2015

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, August 13, 2015 . On roll call the following members were present: J.Wilson, J.McDermott, W.Estile, J.Allan and K. Hosie. J.Smith arrived at 7:10. Mayor Smallacombe was in attendance. Solicitor Nicholls was absent.

MINUTES- A motion was made by J.Allan seconded by W.Estile to accept the minutes as presented. All members were in favor.

W.Estile presented the Financial Report:

Beginning Balance –	\$238,742.12
Deposits	– \$ 33,984.38
Expenses	– \$ 55,089.36
Ending Balance	– \$ 217,637.14

A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by J.McDermott to accept the financial report as presented.

All members were in favor.

MAYOR– The Mayor reported the Police are doing a good job, very few complaints. Thanked The Fire Departments, Fire Police and the William Walker for the excellent job at the gas leak. The Mayor read a note from Chief Arthur thanking council for the new cruiser and it should arrive next week. He said the Historical Society will be having a speaker at the September 13 meeting, Mr. Tom Kluffer. He asked council to start considering the 150th Anniversary of Jermyn in the year 2020, he asked the public to step forward and set the wheels in motion. The National Night Out has been cancelled. Heather Carpenter reported that the Night Out was cancelled because none of the police officers could attend, no officers to do the parade. Mrs. Carpenter said it will happen next year.

FIRE Chief– Chief Rood said the 911 activated system has speeded up calls, the 911 system went off before the pager.

PUBLIC INPUT– A.Whitiak ,512 Garfield Avenue asked council when the decorative light will be fixed at the Windsor? Mrs. Wilson said she didn't know, the lights are not part of the Shade Tree's maintenance program. K. Hosie said that the borough is waiting on quotes and then we will see how many we can fix.

Mr. Whitiak said there is a problem with the maintenance of the landscaping at the Windsor, he said he gave the land for the "Gateway to Jermyn" and promises were made that it would be maintained by the Shade Tree Commission? Mrs. Wilson said the STC did the maintenance the first couple of years and then it was turned over to the owner. Mr. Whitiak said he was not notified? Mr. Whitiak said he has 100 man hours in the maintenance and it is not fair. Mrs. Wilson said she will take it to the commission and Mr. Whitiak is welcome to attend the next meeting. Mr. Whitiak said the trees in the

upper parking lot are blocking his sign. Mrs Wilson said the trees were agreed upon, the sign was placed afterwards. Mr. Whitak said the trees are on his property and he could cut them down. Mrs. Wilson said not according to the STC ordinance. She asked Mr. Whitiak to come to the meeting and if he doesn't like the STC answer he can bring it to council.

D.Yurgosky, 326 Washington Avenue, donated a flag to the borough that was retired from the Capitol Building. President Hosie thanked Mr. Yurgosky.

FINANCE– A motion was made by J.McDermott, seconded by J.Wilson to pay invoices in the amount of \$ 3,483.49 . All members were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS – K.Hosie reported that Bob Parks informed her that A.J. Fuga will be on vacation and R.Rood will help with the recycling pickup.

RECREATION – D.Markey reported that Jermyn Day will be on August 30 from noon to five. There will be free hot dogs and root beer, the Artisan will be selling their potato pancakes and Mannings Mobile will be there. There will be games for the kids, baskets and a DJ. Mr. Smith took this time to compliment Mr. Markey on the professional presentation of the new application for the rental of borough property. Mr. Markey said there was a request to raise the rent of the gym from \$20.00 an hour to \$35.00 or \$40.00, he explained the recreation committee has not voted on it yet. He felt \$20.00 was a fair price for the gym, when compared to the fire companies who have full kitchens, audio systems and the option to have liquor. With the rental of the gym all you get is a restroom.

ROADS COMMITTEE– Mr. Smith asked that the paving project be placed on the work session agenda.

ZONING OFFICER– Mrs. Hosie asked B.Chase about a business in the old barbershop on Washington Avenue? Mr. Chase said it is a problem there is not enough off-street parking. Mrs. Hosie said she has seen people sitting in the barber chair getting their hair cut. Mr. Chase said he believes when Mr. Estile was zoning officer the property was turned down as an apartment. Mrs. Hosie said someone is living there. Mrs. Wilson said she is unsure if there is a bathroom? Heather said someone is living there and Pearl Audrey took over the store. Mr. Chase will look into it and asked if Mr. Estile could look for any paperwork he may have.

JUNIOR COUNCILMAN – Mrs. Hosie took this time to thank Junior Councilman Brian Swatt and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation .

2015 COUNTY MITIGATION PLAN – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by W.Estile to accept the Lackawanna County Mitigation Plan. All members were in favor.

DPW TRAILER – A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Smith to put the DPW trailer out for sale. All members were in favor.

MMO – A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by J.Wilson to accept the MMO for the police pension plan in the amount of \$14,899.00 and the General Employees Plan in the amount of \$ 8,091.00. All members were in favor.

SHIELDS COURT ORDINANCE – A motion was made by J.Wilson,seconded by J.Allan to adopt an Ordinance governing and regulating the traffic flow on Shields Court between Rushbrook Street and Division Street (Copy on file in borough office) . All members were in favor.

RE-APPOINT WILLIAM ARTHUR – A motion was made by W.Estile,seconded by J.McDermott to re-appoint William Arthur as Chief of Police until the next council meeting or if Chief Zellers returns. All members were in favor.

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