

Council Minutes – October 11, 2012

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. On roll call the following members were present: J.Mark, W.Estile, J.Allan,J.Smith. A.J.Fuga. R.Parks and K.Hosie. Mayor Smallacombe and Attorney Nicholls were in attendance.

MINUTES – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga seconded by J.Allan to adopt the minutes of September 13, 2012, as circulated. All members were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT – J.Smith reported a General Fund beginning balance of \$317,674.58

Expenses – \$53,682.83

Deposits – \$35,598.38

Ending Balances – \$299,590.13

MAYOR – The Mayor reported that police fines since the Enradd was put into effect totaled \$9732.00, more than pays for the system. He said the fire police, police department and Councilman Parks did a great job at the Steamtown Marathon. The DUI grant generated \$1900.00 in fines. The officers had their annual qualifications and the Jermyn Police Department has a facebook page. The shotgun barrel was replaced free of charge. The mayor notified all to please lock their car doors as change has been taken from unlocked vehicles. Two part time officers were sworn in, Michael McMorrow and Dominic Calzola. The mayor asked to go on record stating he is opposed to the Scranton Commuter Tax. The Jermyn Events Committee will have their annual dinner on February 9 at St. Michaels Hall. The Historical Society had their open house, it was not well attended but those who were there enjoyed it. Asked that a resolution be drawn up in support of the 100th. Anniversary of the Meredith Hose Company. The Christmas Show is being planned it will be a “Jazzy Christmas”. The Lions Club is in need of members. FEMA sent a letter for a 90 day appeal for the new flood map. The letter will be given to KBA.

SOLICITOR-Attorney Nicholls had the lightweight construction ordinance ready for review, it can be advertised if council so wishes. Concerning the building inspectors contract, Attorney Nicholls asked if Bureau Veritas and NEIC can attend the next work session. He has the driveway ordinance ready and council can decide to advertise or review it.

FIRE CHIEF – Fire Chief Rood reported he has smoke detectors and suggested two per person and asked that it be placed on the website.

At this time Fire Chief Rood displayed the results of a six minute burn with burned models and explained the danger of walking across a floor constructed with the lightweight construction.

LIGHTWEIGHT CONSTRUCTION ORDINANCE – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Estile to advertise the Lightweight Construction Ordinance. All members were in favor.

The Driveway Ordinance was tabled for review.

PUBLIC Input

W.Langman, Bacon Street asked if the Borough has any control over the raising of rates for Adams Cable Company. Council responded that they do not.

Michelle Newberry, Lackawanna County, informed council that the County will be having budget hearings on October 15 at 1 p.m. at the Commissioners Conference Room, October 16 at 5:30 at the Blakely Borough building, October 17 at 5 p.m. at the Clarks Summit Borough Building and October 18, 6 p.m, at the Carbondale City Hall. There will be a Veterans Day free weekend at Steamtown NHS, November 10-12. The voter I.D. has been lifted.

FINANCE– J.Smith had questions concerning invoices for the police department. He asked in the future he receive the invoices before the meeting. A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by B.Parks to approve invoices in the amount of \$3718.61. All members were in favor.

NOVEMBER 2 MEETING -A motion was made by B.Parks seconded by J.Mark to have a budget/legislative meeting on November 2,2012 at 9:00 a.m. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS – B.Parks reported that we are having costly problems with the decorative lights on Main Street, there are three lights out and if the problem is the ballast, it can cost \$500.00 a light. A.J.Fuga said he has information on converting to led lights which he gave to Mr. Parks.

Mr. Parks said there is a \$500.00 bill for a drain box, grate and pipe to install in the parking lot to elevate the flooding problem. He informed council on the PPL grant program : The cost is \$8622.02 to the borough less the grant amount of \$2566.50 which still leaves the borough with a cost of \$6055.45.Mr.Parks felt it wasn't a good idea. He said he has not received the quote yet for the power box in the gym. Mr. Parks asked council to purchase a salt spreader for the stake body truck.

SALT SPREADER – A motion was made by B.Parks, seconded by Walter Estile to purchase a salt spreader for the stake body dump at a cost of \$3573.00, the funds to come from the recycling account. All members were in favor.

Mr.Parks had a form for council to review for missing punches, unscheduled shifts, etc.

MILLIENIUM DAY CARE– Mr. Parks reported that Mr.Duffy is in the process of completing the project for his parking lot. It was approved by the Jermyn Planning Commission and he thanked W.Estile, R.Rood and B.Chase for their assistance with the matter. Mr. Parks said Archbald Hose Company will be having an Octoberfest on Friday From 5 to 11 and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to whenever. There will be a civil war reenactment on Saturday.

PUBLIC SAFETY– A.J. Fuga reported there is a problem with people parking in the alley behind the bank, he suggested that lines be painted on the alley to alleviate the problem. J.Allan said that people who go to the bank think the bank owns the property behind it. There is also a problem with parents blocking the alley dropping off or picking up their children from cdc classes.

J.Smith suggested a courtesy call to the church that designated parking is going to take place and it could be placed in the bulletin.

B.Parks asked if a crosswalk can be painted at Convenient? Mayor Smallacombe said that Penn Dot has to give permission. A.J.Fuga said he will look into it.

K.Hosie asked for volunteers on the Recreation Commission.

INSURANCE BIDS – Attorney Nicholls explained that although Man, Levy & Nogi's bid looked less expensive, there were some items in the commercial policy that were not included, their deductible higher. Also in talking to SWIF no one can give a quote for workmans compensation but SWIF.

2012 2013 INSURANCE PACKAGE – A motion was made to award the 2012-2013 insurance package to DGK at a cost of \$72,363.00.by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Estile. All members were in favor.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by J.Mark to pass a Resolution for the adoption of the October 11,2012 Revised Employee Handbook. All members were in favor.

J.Smith asked that the cell phone issue be tabled.

M.MCMORROW AND DOMINIC CALZOLA – K.Hosie asked if they know the roads? Acting Chief Arthur said yes. A motion was made to raise M.McMorrow's and D.Calzola's hourly rate to \$10.50. All members were in favor.

MMO GENERAL EMPLOYEES – A motion was made to adopt the 2013 MMO for the Jermyn Borough General Employees Pension in the amount of \$6636.00 . All members were in favor.

SCRANTON COMMUTER TAX -Mayor Smallacombe said although he is against the commuter tax he does not agree with boycotting Scranton businesses. A motion was made by B.Parks seconded by W.Estile to send a letter that the Borough of Jermyn is against the Scranton Commuter Tax. All members were in favor.

LAKELAND HAUNTED HOUSE – A motion was made by B.Parks , seconded by W.Estile to deny permission to Lakeland High School to have a haunted house in the borough buildings' gym because the proper paperwork was not submitted. All members were in favor.

WORK SESSION – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by J.Smith to have the monthly worksessions at 7:00 p.m. All members were in favor.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM ARTHUR – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by A.J.Fuga to re-appoint William Arthur as Acting Chief of Police till the next council meeting or Daniel Zellers' return. All members were in favor. J. Smith said that Chief Arthur has done an outstanding job.

BRIDGE STREET – The bids were opened for Bridge Street:

Pickarski – Base Bid- \$80,797.50 / Alternate Bid – \$71,879.50

Rock Bottom- Base Bid – \$125,000.00 / Alternate Bid – \$71,339.00

F & T – Base Bid – \$86,880.00 / Alternate Bid – \$75,160.00

Sproul – Base Bid – \$96,242.00 / Alternate Bid – \$103,680.00

Leeward – Base Bid – \$74,900.00 / Alternate Bid – \$85,720.00

Attorney Nicholls explained the bids should go to KBA to review, than a letter sent to several banks for the best interest rate, an ordinance passed to borrow the funds than paperwork sent to the state for approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – W.Estile asked the status of the sewer issue on Lincoln and Bacon? Attorney Nicholls said he would be initiating suit soon. Mr .Estile asked about the ordinance to raise all parking fines to \$25.00.

A motion was made to adjourn by A.J.Fuga seconded by J.Allan. All members were in favor.