

## **Council Minutes – November 8 2012**

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, November 8, 2012. On roll call the following members were present: J.Mark, W.Estile, J.Allan, J.Smith and A.J.Fuga. K.Hosie and B.Parks were absent. Mayor Smallacombe was present. Attorney Nicholls was not in attendance. Councilman Fuga chaired the meeting.

**MINUTES** – A motion was made by J.Mark, seconded by J.Allan to accept the minutes of October 2,2012. All members were in favor.

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

J. Smith gave the financial report – Beginning Balance – \$299,590.13

Expenses – \$60,210.87

Deposits – \$13,027.82

Interest – \$4.64

Ending Balance – \$252,411.72

A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Mark to approve the financial report as presented. All members were in favor.

**MAYOR**– Mayor Smallacombe reported that the police department has had a lot more incidents. Their facebook site had 108 likes. He said the police are doing a wonderful job. He presented borough council with a letter stating that he will be performing marriage ceremonies in 2012. He commended the emergency responders for the wonderful job during the hurricane. The Events Committee annual dinner will be February 9 at St. Michaels Hall. There will be Girl Scout Christmas Parade December 8 ,beginning at 6:00 p.m. A Veterans Day Ceremony will take place at the World War 1 Park on November 11 at 3:00 p.m. There will be a Christmas Show on December 9 at 3:00, at the borough building. Mayor Smallacombe also commented on the issue of the Lakeland Haunted House, he felt it was not handled the right way. He said the recreation committee is supposed to handle all of it and council needs to work better with the recreation committee.

J. Smith responded to the Mayor saying that council acted on the information given that night and acted in best interests. J.Allan said the recreation committee is not meeting.

**ORDINANCE ENGINEERED LUMBER** – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by J.Mark to adopt the Ordinance requiring a reflective symbol on structures using engineered lumber (copy of ordinance in borough office). All members were in favor.

**PSAB ATTORNEY DUES** – A motion was made by J.Mark, seconded by J.Smith to pay the invoice for the PA Borough Solicitors Association in the amount of \$225.00. All members were in favor.

Fire Chief Rood thanked council and will come up with a design and get the stickers made up for the engineered lumber ordinance.

**PUBLIC INPUT** – R.Rood applauded council's decision concerning the Haunted House. They left the building a mess. Mr. Rood asked if council ever found out how much it costs the borough to have basketball leagues playing in the gym, did Dennis Kutch ever do it? J.Mark said it would be difficult to try to get someone to do it for what KBA charges. R.Rood said the lights and heat get left on all night.

J.Smith said we need a comprehensive plan for use of the Borough Building. We need more people on the recreation committee and the planning commission. Council has to take a hard look at these issues.

Council decided to have a work session on November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

**FINANCE**– A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Allan to pay invoices in the amount of \$23,059.11. All members were in favor.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – J.Esgro notified Council that there is a problem on Henry Drive with the same car parked on the corner, it is a safety problem. Solicitor Nicholls was looking into it. Mr.Esgro explained the borough plows Henry Drive, but the county owns it ,thus we cannot put up no parking signs. Mr. Esgro also reported new swings are needed in the park.

**AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK** – A motion was made by J.Allan seconded by J.Smith to have the employee handbook read that the part time police officers will be paid time and a half for: New Years Day, Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. All members were in favor.

**REFUSE FEE 2013** – A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Smith to reinstate the \$200.00 refuse fee for 2013. All members were in favor.

**CHIEF WILLIAM ARTHUR** – A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Allan to appoint William Arthur as Acting Chief until the next council meeting or if Daniel Zellers returns. All members were in favor.

**2013 PROPOSED BUDGET**– Mr. Smith said he is proposing a balanced budget for 2013 ,with no increase in taxes. The budget will be advertised for public inspection. The 2013 budget will be \$652,667.80 in expenditures and \$652,667.80 in revenues. There will be a new line item- emergencies- which the borough will use for the Bridge Street project. There is \$27,000.00 in revenues relating to the selling of the Deluchy property.

J. Fuga said the proposed budget is a work in progress, we have to adopt it so we can advertise it. Council will look at it at the work session.

**2013 PROPOSED BUDGET** – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by J.Allan to adopt the proposed 2013 budget in the amount of \$652,667.80. All members were in favor.

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