

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL January 6, 2014

Jermyn Borough met on Thursday, December 12, 2013. On roll call the following members were present: W.Estile, J.Allan, J.Smith, A.J.Fuga and K.Hosie. Mayor Smallacombe and Attorney Nicholls were in attendance. B.Parks was absent.

At this time President Hosie announced that Councilman J.Mark has submitted a letter of resignation due to the Hatch Act 1. She wished him all the luck in the world.

Mr. Mark thanked everyone from this council and past councils. He also thanked the citizens for voting for him and putting their trust in him.

JOHN MARK RESIGNATION – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Estile to accept the resignation of John Mark. All members were in favor.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT – Mr. Smith presented the financial report:

BEGINNING BALANCE -\$120,818.01
DEPOSITS – \$48,169.49
EXPENSES – \$70,022.15
ENDING BALANCE -\$98,965.35

A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by W.Estile to adopt the financial report as presented. All members were present.

MAYOR– Mayor Smallacombe thanked Mr. Mark for all his years of service. He said the police are doing a bang up job, he read a letter of thanks from Community Bank for the assistance and service provided by the police department. He said he was speaking to the South Abington Chief and they have received cruisers from the federal government with less than 20,000 miles for \$10,000.00 and will get more info. He said the Light Parade was great and thanked all the groups and organizations and the Girl Scouts are to be commended. He said he heard the Christmas Show was a success, thanked the Masons for helping with decorating and set up and all others. The Historical Society had a guest speaker Homer Butler from Jefferson Township who spoke about the Revolutionary War, the Society meets the first Sunday at Longworths at 7:00 p.m.

FIRE CHIEF – R.Rood explained all the ISO paperwork has been done and the information will be sent to him.

PUBLIC INPUT – Michelle Burns of Lackawanna County informed council that the borough's liquid fuel payment will be increased by \$38,916.88. Michelle gave out applications for the Community Re-Invest Grant. K. Hosie asked if surveys have to be done. Michelle said no and yes the grant can go for recreation.

Mr. Lou DeMarco, 208 Gibson Street, asked council about the budget line item in revenues for \$27,000.00? He asked what if it doesn't sell. Mr. Smith said it is in the budget because if it sells it would be part of the revenue and council would consider a lower bid.

Mr. B.Chase said the Artisan will be hosting breakfast with Santa on Saturday from 8 to 12. There will also be a benefit at the Artisan Saturday night for Bob Swingle and Sean Burnham who were seriously injured in a car accident.

FINANCES – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga seconded by W.Estile to pay invoices in the amount of \$10,885.64. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY – A.J.Fuga asked the residents to try to keep the area around the fire hydrants free of snow. The Mayor said alternate parking will be going into effect, please watch channel 7, television news, the Jermyn Police Department web site and facebook site for information.

RECREATION – J.Allan reported that Bidy Basketball has started, six teams are practicing on Wednesdays and after the first of the year will also be practicing on Saturdays. The program has been such a success that they are practicing at the Joe Terry Civic Center and the Mayfield Elementary.

NEW BUSINESS– Council has been considering changing the telephone carrier for the borough building and Vonage said they can supply the service for forty percent less. Mr. Smith warned not to go into a long term contract. Mr. Fuga said their business does not have a contract and the service is great.

VONAGE – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by W.Estile to switch our phone service to Vonage. All members were in favor.

EMPLOYEE REQUEST– K.Hosie said this issue will be tabled until the next work session to be discussed.

JUNIOR COUNCILMAN – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by A.J.Fuga to appoint Brian Swatt, as Junior Councilman for the Jermyn Borough. All members were in favor.

Mr. Smith explained that the Borough contacted Lakeland looking for a Junior Councilman. There were two candidates and Brian Swatt was chosen. The qualifications were that the student live in Jermyn, must be in eleventh grade and has to serve a one and a half year term, from January, 2014 until June, 2015. He must be sworn in and attend council meetings, but cannot vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RE-APPOINT WILLIAM ARTHUR – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by W.Estile to re-appoint William Arthur as Acting Chief until next council meeting or Chief Zellers comes back. All members were in favor.

K.Hosie said we will be having a special meeting on December 20th at 9:00 a.m. to adopt the budget and any other business that comes before council. The Borough will have their re-organization meeting at 6:30 on January 6, 2014 and immediately afterwards we will have the regular monthly meeting.

A motion was made by A.J Fuga seconded by J.Smith to have the regular monthly meeting on Jan 6, immediately after the re-organization meeting at 6:30. All members were in favor.

The Mayor thanked T&D Power, they donated water to the borough and the Mayor distributed it to the fire companies and borough organizations. He thanked the local fireman who were injured in a recent fire.

J.Smith wanted to clarify that they will accept a bid on the Riverview Lane parcel if it is close to \$27,000.00. He explained that the borough has \$10,000.00 invested in the sewer line and \$10,000.00 in the demolition. These actions were court mandated and the Borough had to obey the order.

K.Hosie thanked A.J.Fuga for his ten years of service.

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