

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL JULY 9, 2015

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: J.Wilson, W.Estile, J.Allan and K.Hosie. B.Parks, J.McDermott and J.Smith were absent. Mayor Smallacombe was present, Attorney Nicholls absent.

MINUTES – A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Allan to adopt the minutes of May 14, 2015. All members were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT – W.Estile presented the financial report:

Beginning Balance	– \$165,837.77
Deposits	– \$ 143,410.50
Expenditures	– \$ 48,072.08
Ending Balance	– \$ 261,176.19

A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by J.Allan to accept the financial report as presented. All members were in favor.

MAYOR – The Mayor reported the Police have been making drug arrests and they are working with the Drug Task force. In reference to M.Carpenters' question about his sidewalks, it is the homeowner's responsibility. The Historical Society is having a bus trip to the September 11th center the tickets are \$80.00. Thanked all who came out to watch, participate and help in the Memorial Day Parade. The Lions Club duck race was a great success.

FIRE CHIEF– Chief Rood said the Governor waived the fees for the background checks for volunteer firefighters also Bob Mcguire will be looking into the FCC renewal it may cost \$160.00 .

Borough Engineer – D.Kutch reported that Attorney Nichols is waiting for a response from DGS concerning the Rushbrook Creek project, A. Malene is working on the mitigation, the environmental aspects, dredging where the Rushbrook Creek and the river meet. Mr. Kutch said he was asked to look into a blighted property on Washington Avenue and he recommended that the Borough look into a property maintenance code, needs reviewing perhaps the Fire Chief, Zoning Officer and himself, can give a recommendation.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE – A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by W.Estile to have R.Rood, B.Chase and D.Kutch review the maintenance codes and give a recommendation to Council. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT -R.Furiosi addressed Council on behalf of the William Walker, providing ambulance services to Jermyn and Mayfield. He explained the paid ambulance companies are trying to push their way in and a Resolution is needed to state that the Cottage Hose Company is the ALS and the BLS provider for Jermyn.

COTTAGE HOSE COMPANY – A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by J.Allan to adopt the resolution, with final approval of Attorney Nichols, that Cottage Hose Company be the ALS provider for the Borough of Jermyn. All members were in favor.

COTTAGE HOSE COMPANY – A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by W.Estile to adopt the resolution, with final approval of Attorney Nichols, that Cottage Hose Company will be the BLS provider for the Borough of Jermyn. All members were in favor.

Norma Parri, 75 Franklin Street asked if the Borough would cut down a tree that is on borough property, the tree is a nuisance, she explained she has terrible allergies and can't go outside. J.Wilson said that they will table the action so they can look at the tree and get prices.

FINANCE – A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by J.Wilson to approve invoices in the amount of \$ 2,374.82. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY – W.Estile took this time to thank B.Chase, M.McCarthy, B.Parks and the Mayfield Fire Police for their assistance with the Memorial Day Parade.

J.Wilson reported that the Main Street is completed, mulching, trimming, it will be ongoing all summer.

RECREATION – D.Markey reported that an application to use the field by the Jermyn Crime Watch was approved for June 27 for a concert with Danie-Ile, the gym will be held as a backup in case of rain. Mr. Markey also said on June 21 there will be a legends game at PNC field, buy one ticket get one free. The Committee is working on cleaning up the field, looking into purchasing 55 gallon trash cans asked Jermyn Youth too help in the cost. Chief Arthur donated his tiller for the cleanup tomorrow.

ZONING OFFICER – B.Chase said he has issued several permits and caught some residents. B.Smallacombe asked if the old Jermyn Manor was occupied. B.Chase said yes, the zoning was good and the building inspector was supposed to do an inspection. He also reported Perk Up had no electricity and is closed. He said there are rooms for rent above PERK UP and that is not allowed. K.Hosie said it is a boarding house and has been going on for quite a while. J. Wilson asked about the parking there. B.Chase said they have parking in rear, she said she heard they were parking on street. Mr. Estile said you cannot force them to park in the lot.

ALTERNATE PARKING ORDINANCE – A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by J.Wilson to adopt the amended Alternate Parking Ordinance. The amendment only addressed the number of the statute. All members were in favor.

POLICE CRUISER – K.Hosie addressed the financing of a new cruiser:

Balance on present cruiser- \$ 15,645.27
Less – (\$ 417.95)

Less Police Savings – (\$ 5511.93)
New balance on present cruiser – \$ 9715.39
Funds in Recycling Account – \$34,669.02
Minus – (\$ 9715.39)
Balance recycling Acct. – \$ 24,953.63
First payment on new cruiser minus (\$10,843.37)
Balance in recycling acct – \$ 14110.26
Payments for 2016.2017 and 2018 will be \$10,843.37

A motion was made to purchase a police cruiser by J.Wilson, seconded by J.Allan ,the motion passed 3 to 1 with W.Estile voting no.

Mr. Estile had concerns about the budget that an amount of \$10,843.37 is not feasible. Mrs. Hosie said she thinks we can do it, if necessary we will use recycling funds.

HEALTH INSURANCE– A motion was made by J.Wilson, seconded by J.Allan to rescind the motion made on May 14, 2015 , (A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by J.Wilson that the \$484.56 a year will go towards M r.Esgro’s Health Insurance) **NEW MOTION** – A motion was made by J.Wilson seconded by W.Estile to allow J.Esgro to submit co-pay invoices or prescription costs up to \$484.56. All members were in favor.

RE- APPOINT William Arthur – A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.Allan to re-appoint W.Arthur as Acting Chief until the next meeting or until D.Zellers returns. All members were in favor.

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

WILLIAM ARTHUR VACATION – A motion was made by W.Estile seconded by J.Allan to give William Arthur five vacation days to be taken in days days. All members were in favor.

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