

Jermyn Borough

Council Meeting

10/3/19

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers of the Jermyn Borough Building, 440 Jefferson Ave, Jermyn PA.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kristen Dougherty with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Kevin Napoli asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of former Fire Chief, Ray Rood, who served for 52 years in the fire service, and also in various other roles assisting the borough, a great community leader who we lost too soon.

On roll call, the following members were present: Kristen Dougherty, Kevin Napoli, Jennifer Schreiner, Cynthia Stephens and Carl Tomaine. Mayor Fuga, Attorney Aquilino, and Bob Chase (7:09pm) were also present. Frank Kulick, Joanne Wilson, KBA, Stanley Hallowich, and Ann Marie DeSanto were absent.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by K. Napoli to accept the minutes of 9/19/19 as presented. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion carried.

**Bills Payable:** A motion was made by C. Stephens to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by J. Schreiner. All members in favor, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence at this time.

**Public Comment:** Robyn Smith, leader of Girl Scout Troop #50440 addressed council, and stated the troop is no longer able to use the Christmas Lighted Parade as their Silver Award, however they can still use it as a service project, and handed it over to Olivia Moraska to explain. Olivia asked permission to council, as a project to earn her Gold Award, to allow Girl Scout Troop #50440 to hold the Christmas Light Parade on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. It's a Small Town Christmas, to celebrate 150 years of Christmas in Jermyn. The theme will be decades, and each troop member would dress up from a different decade. She also requested use of the gym to serve refreshments, and to hold a stuffed animal drive during the Christmas Show on December 8<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by K. Napoli to allow the Girl Scouts permission to use the building and to hold the parade on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by C. Stephens. All members in favor, motion carried. D. Markey asked Ms. Smith how will people that want to be involved contact? K. Napoli asked D. Markey to handle people that want to be involved, as Ms. Smith is not allowed to be involved in the obtaining of the Gold Award.

Addison Roberts, Kristen Neher, and Madison Frankowski from Girl Scout Troop #50440 would like to have council's permission to coordinate an Electronics Recycling Drive and Prescription Drug Takeback event for Silver Awards for Girl Scout Troop #50440. K. Dougherty asked about dates in mind? They were thinking March for the Electronics Recycling Drive. K. Napoli asked if they contacted anyone regarding the drug takeback program yet? The girls stated no. K. Napoli stated he will contact Wayne Memorial Hospital to see if they handle such a program, and if not, if they can direct him to a pharmacy that can. He stated to give him a week, and he will get back to Ms. Smith with details. A motion was made by J. Schreiner to allow Girl Scout Troop #50440 to hold an Electronics Recycling Drive and Prescription Drug Takeback Program in the borough. All members in favor, motion carried.

Mary Golden, 383 Washington Ave., has had a problem with water runoff for many years. The water pools in her driveway, then down her sidewalk. She was wondering if a catch basin could help? Or opening the paper road? T. Fuga stated he will take a look at it. If we did open the alleyway, the water would be able to go into the existing catch basin. He will take a look at it and see what can be done.

Kaitlyn English from Lackawanna County read flyers for Skywarn, PEMA Individual Assistance Workshop, and Small Business Administration Disaster Loans.

Basil Kleha, 600 Washington Ave, would like to commend Officer Gabikian for stepping up and working shifts in Jermyn while Chief Arthur and Officer Binner were out of town at training. Council agreed, and thanked Mr. Kleha.

**Woodlands Sewer & Paving Project Bid:** K. Dougherty asked what we're going to do with the bid? D. Markey explained that KBA advised us we can alter the project and scale it back to the portion between the Gilgallon Property and the Moran Property. KBA verified with winning bidder and top non-winning bidders to verify. K. Dougherty made a motion to award the modified Woodlands Sewer & Paving bid to Stafursky Paving. Seconded by K. Napoli. All members in favor, motion carried.

**Cancer Survivor's Support Group:** D. Markey stated that President F. Kulick could not be here tonight, so he would like to speak in the President's place. On behalf of President Kulick, D. Markey asked council's permission for use of council chambers for one Wednesday per month for the purpose of a cancer survivor's support group. A motion was made by K. Napoli to allow President Kulick to use council chambers for the cancer survivor's support group. Seconded by C. Stephens. All members in favor, motion carried.

**Executive Session:** Council convened into executive session for litigation and personnel reasons at 7:27pm. Council reconvened from executive session at 7:54pm.

**Part Time Police Hire:** K. Napoli made a motion to hire Officer John Rivers as a part time police officer, at the training rate of \$14.00/hour. Seconded by J. Schreiner. All members in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kleha asked what the training rate was? K. Napoli stated currently \$14/hour. K. Napoli also explained that in 2020, the rates will be raised for part time officers by \$1.50 per hour, including new hires.

**New Business:** D. Markey stated there will be an open gym for basketball this Saturday from 10am-noon. Randy Parry will be running the open gym.

Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> will be Trunk or Treat at the Artisan Fire Co. at 6pm. We are in dire need of trunks.

Next Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Lakeland Youth Basketball will have a walk-up registration in the gym from 6-9pm.

B. Chase stated no one from the county checked in on the fire companies. D. Markey stated we still have to do the November election in this building.

The borough received a donation from Kevin and Brian Mullally for the floor covering system as well as protective carpeting and runners. The borough and the organizations involved are very grateful for the generous donation.

**Adjournment:** With no other business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by K. Napoli to adjourn, seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Markey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Daniel Markey

Borough Manager