

Jermyn Borough

Council Meeting

10/1/20

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Jermyn Borough Building, 440 Jefferson Ave. Jermyn, PA 18433.

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Kulick with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following members were present: Frank Kulick, Kevin Napoli, Jennifer Schreiner, Cynthia Stephens, Robert Hunt, and Carl Tomaine.. Attorney Aquilino, Amanda Rzucidlo, and Bob Chase were also present. Kristen Dougherty, Mayor Fuga, Stanley Hallowich, Kathlyn Goodwin, KBA, and Jim Perry were absent.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by C. Tomaine to accept the minutes of 9/3/20 as presented. Seconded by C. Stephens. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report/Bills Payable:** D. Markey presented the Treasurer's Report:

October 1, 20

ASSETS

Capital Reserve - DPW	<b>13,426.77</b>
Capital Reserve - Police	<b>1,834.29</b>
Crime Watch Fund	<b>921.75</b>
General Fund - Community	<b>112,065.90</b>
General Fund - FNB	<b>1,925.11</b>
Holiday Lights Fund	<b>543.90</b>
Investment - General Fund	<b>1.39</b>
Investment - Liquid Fuels	<b>34,283.67</b>
Investment - Paving Fund	<b>11.91</b>
Investment - Recycling	<b>1.33</b>
Investment - Refuse	<b>2,602.90</b>
Liquid Fuels - FNB	<b>39,996.44</b>
Petty Cash	<b>162.01</b>
Recreations Fund	<b>5,277.78</b>
Recycling - Community	<b>13,163.91</b>
Refuse Checking - FNB	<b>65,109.96</b>
Total Checking/Savings	<b>291,329.02</b>

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	<b>17,284.74</b>
Other Current Liabilities	
210.00 · Withholding - Federal Income Tx	<b>4,712.20</b>
211.00 · Withholding - Social Security	<b>5,785.15</b>
212.00 · Withholding - Local Tax	<b>583.50</b>
213.00 · Withholding - Medicare	<b>1,353.00</b>
217.00 · Withholding - State Tax	<b>1,432.28</b>
221.00 · Withholding - PA Unemployment	<b>153.75</b>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<b>14,019.88</b>
Total Liabilities	<b>31,304.62</b>

A motion was made by K. Napoli to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as presented. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All members in favor, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** F. Kulick read a letter from Attorney John Lawler from Mayfield Borough regarding R&L Carriers, citing concerns regarding the new facility. He stated Attorney Aquilino sent a reply, which Attorney Aquilino read aloud.

**Public Comment:** Janice Joyce, President, Mayfield Borough Council spoke to further voice Mayfield's concerns regarding R&L Carriers, stating Rt 107 begins in Mayfield before it comes to Jermyn. Mayfield is worried about 24 hour truck traffic, and concerned about trucks going up the hill. If you get stuck behind a truck, you'll be driving very slow. She is aware we didn't require the traffic study, probably because the facility is on Bonnie Drive, but wanted to know if we used the study from the Casey Highway to make decisions regarding the traffic? F. Kulick stated that's a question for the engineer, and typically, the trucks pick up freight, bring them into the facility, which is staged for other trucks later. D. Markey stated he spoke with KBA and also had a meeting with R&L Carriers earlier today. D. Markey stated that according to KBA, if PENNDOT requires a traffic study, they're over the borough's head, and the borough cannot stop it, but the onus would be on R&L Carriers to complete it. Mrs. Joyce asked if that would be before or after the facility was put up? D. Markey stated that would be afterwards, but the Casey Highway, as well as the exits, was designed for industrial truck traffic in mind. D. Markey stated he can send the R&L Carriers info over to Mayfield Borough so Mayfield can speak with the directly if they have any further questions. D. Markey also addressed the 24 hour truck traffic, stating that most of the traffic would be during the daytime, and there wouldn't be much truck traffic overnight, even though the facility is open 24 hours per day. Mrs. Joyce asked if they've given that in writing? D. Markey stated no. Mrs. Joyce asked if that could be found out. D. Markey stated he will provide R&L's information to Mayfield Borough. Mrs. Joyce stated she's concerned with the 24 hours and the impact of the road. F. Kulick stated there have been many meetings and hearings prior to now. Mrs. Joyce stated she just found out about it with the recent article in the paper. F. Kulick stated all the meetings are duly advertised.

### **Jermyn Climate Action Plan:**

D. Markey stated he has been working with Dr. Marleen Troy of Wilkes University, along with students Dylan O'Connor and Ian Barchock, who completed a greenhouse gas inventory of Jermyn and the team assembled a climate action plan. Dr. Troy stated the PA DEP put together a climate action cohort, who paired universities and municipalities. She handed it over to Dylan and Ian, who presented the proposed Climate Action Plan for Jermyn. (\*\*RESERVED FOR WEB LINK OF CLIMATE ACTION PLAN STUDY\*\*)

C. Tomaine stated he does not want to vote on the Resolution this evening. He stated there's only one study, and wanted to put this on hold so he could do his own research. D. Markey stated the LRBSA and the Lackawanna County Planning Commission did not have data, and the Wilkes University students put together other data. C. Tomaine stated no community outreach has been done, and we were blindsided with a presentation, so he thinks we should put it on hold. Carrie Chase asked if the manufacturing plant on Delaware St. was taken into account? She had the EPA out here, and there's a bunch of people who have cancer around the block, and the plant is not supposed to have their windows open. C. Tomaine stated that's a different topic and another discussion. B. Chase stated Jermyn doesn't provide subsidies for things. D. Markey stated Jermyn would facilitate state grant programs. Dr. Troy stated this program was adopted statewide and the guidelines from the state were used. C. Tomaine stated he's sure they did, but it's a lot of information that was just dropped on them that they have to look further into. J. Schreiner stated we can put it off until next meeting while council reviews the plan. D. Markey stated this is something that the community would strive to attain, but there is no penalty for not attaining it. This is more of a roadmap, and by making smart decisions about energy, we can cut costs and use taxpayer dollars in other areas. F. Kulick advised all council members to review the climate action plan prior to the 10/15/20 meeting. D. Markey thanked Dr. Troy, Mr. Barchock, and Mr. O'Connor for all their work putting this together.

**Garfield St. Stop Sign:** K. Napoli stated he discussed with the Mayor, and there's no issue putting a stop sign on Garfield Ave at the second intersection of Raymond Dr. from Bacon St. K. Napoli made a motion for the solicitor to draw an ordinance to place a stop sign at the second intersection of Raymond Dr. and Garfield Ave. from Bacon St. F. Kulick asked if we can get the speed limit sign back up? D. Markey stated DPW cannot get the bucket truck out yet until paving is finished, but the sign will be put back shortly.

**Halloween:** F. Kulick stated for everyone to be smart on Halloween, and doesn't think we should have Trunk or Treat. D. Markey stated C. Stephens had an idea for police vehicles, etc. to throw out candy to kids at their own houses, almost like a parade, but driving around town. It was decided to have it on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at about 2pm.

**Rental Application Permits:** F. Kulick stated he wants to table this until next meeting. B. Chase stated he heard a rumor that the permit expense was going up. F. Kulick stated that wasn't in the plans. D. Markey stated he is probably going to begin sending them out earlier than December 1<sup>st</sup> to give people more time to complete.

**New Business:** D. Markey stated that we've wanted to update the website, but the funds weren't available, but through the CARES act, we may be able to get the funding paid through the federal government. D. Markey submitted the proposal, which includes the ability to complete, submit, and pay for permits online, which mitigates the risk of the spread of COVID-19, which makes it eligible for CARES act funding.

B. Chase asked if the Zoning Hearing Board seats were filled? D. Markey stated yes, but we're still seeking alternate members to fill in when a regular member cannot show. C. Tomaine asked what the requirements are? B. Chase stated you have to be a resident of Jermyn.

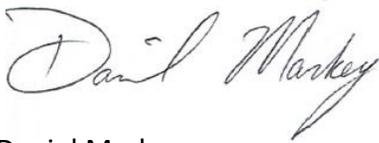
B. Chase stated there's a sign down over by Bottler's D. Markey stated he'll let DPW know.

C. Stephens asked about the butterfly garden area at Mellow Ct. D. Markey stated he spoke with Ann Boylan from Shade Tree, and she said we can chop it down until spring, and then re-plant in the spring.

F. Kulick asked if overhanging trees in the roadway are borough responsibility or property owner responsibility? D. Markey stated we can cut the trees and bill the property owner. F. Kulick asked about the willow trees on Bacon St. D. Markey stated T. Fuga handled it today.

**Adjournment:** With no other business to come before the meeting, a motion was made to adjourn by K. Napoli. Seconded by C. Stephens. All members in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 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 left of the typed name and title.

Daniel Markey  
Borough Manager