

## **Council Minutes – January 3 2012**

Jermyn Borough Council met on January 3, 2012 for its re-organization and regular monthly meeting.

At this time Judge Munley swore in B. Smallacombe as Jermyn Mayor, K. Hosie, J. Smith, W. Estile, J. Allan and J. Mark as Jermyn Borough Councilman.

**RE-ORGANIZATION**– Mayor Smallacombe called the meeting to order. The Mayor asked for nominations for President of Council. A motion was made by J. Smith, seconded by J. Allan to nominate K. Hosie as Jermyn Borough Council President. All members were in favor.

The meeting was turned over to President Hosie.

**VICE-PRESIDENT** – A motion was made to nominate R. Parks as vice-president by W. Estile, seconded by A.J. Fuga . All members were in favor.

**SOLICITOR** – A motion was made by J. Smith, seconded by A.J. Fuga to appoint A. Nicholls as Jermyn Borough solicitor. All members were in favor.

**BOROUGH MANAGER** – A motion was made by J. Smith seconded by A.J. Fuga to appoint, Deborah Morcom as Jermyn Borough Manager. All members were in favor.

**POLICE CHIEF**– A motion was made by J. Smith, seconded by J. Mark to appoint Daniel Zellers as Jermyn Borough Police Chief. On roll call the motion passed 4 to 2, with W. Estile and A.J. Fuga voting no.

**FIRE CHIEF** – A motion was made by A.J. Fuga seconded by W. Estile to appoint Raymond Rood as Jermyn Borough Fire Chief. All members were in favor.

**ZONING OFFICER** – A motion was made by A.J. Fuga seconded by W. Estile to appoint Robert Chase as Zoning Officer. All members were in favor.

President Hosie said that Joanne Wilson has been hired as an administrative assistant and publicist.

## **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**MINUTES** – A motion was made by A.J. Fuga, seconded by J. Mark to accept the minutes of December 8, 2011 as circulated. All members were in favor.

**FINANICAL REPORT** – J. Smith reported a beginning balance of \$263,160.11

Expenses of     \$67,864.33

Ending Balance – \$205,011.30

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

**MAYOR**– Mayor Smallacombe commented that it was good to be back. He would like to start the Business Association back up. If we can get the association up and running we will be able to get funding through the Heritage Valley Association and Senator Blake, for a railroad station. It could be a museum for First Aid, the railroads and mining. Also a meeting place for the Historical Society. He said he would start working on it if council will cooperate. He also asked for volunteers.

**PUBLIC INPUT** – Mr. Usher asked about an officer on Sundays at the Methodist Church. Chief Zellers said he will handle it.

R. Rood asked if anything has been done about the problem with the sewer on Bacon Street. Solicitor Nicholls said nothing has been done.

Mrs. J. Wilson said that if council accepts Mr. J. Pidgeon's resignation from the Shade Tree Committee the committee will have him as a emeritus member.

Mrs. M. Perrault asked when the holes in the road on Jefferson and Bacon will be filled in? J. Esgro said not at this time. A.J. Fuga said it will be done in the spring.

President Hosie placed W. Estile on the recreation committee.

**FINANCE**– A motion was made by J. Mark, seconded by A.J. Fuga to pay the invoices in the amount of \$1625.53. All members were in favor.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – A.J. Fuga said that B. Parks asked him to get approval for the borough to purchase a skid of rubber tar at a cost of \$2400.00 and a skid of calcium at a cost of \$812.00. The Mayor suggested to go through the county's purchasing program to get a better price. A motion was made by A.J. Fuga seconded by J. Mark to purchase the rubber tar and calcium at a cost of \$3212.00 subject to contacting the county to see if we can obtain a lower price. All members were in favor.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – A motion was made by A.J. Fuga seconded by W. Estile to purchase a pair of boots for the Fire Chief (borough property) at a cost of \$300.00. All members were in favor.

**ROADS COMMITTEE** – Mr. J. Smith said that they will be contacting Senator Blake's office in the near future.

1994 CHEVY DUMP TRUCK – Two bids were submitted;

Karl Desanto – \$500.00

Frank Rychak – \$1375.00

A motion was made by A.J. Fuga seconded by J. Allan to accept the bid of Frank Rychak at \$1375.00. All members were in favor.

Solicitor Nicholls addressed the request by the Planning Commission for members. He said he has to research how many members /and or alternatives can be added.

President Hosie presented a resolution concerning the effects of gas drilling for review. Mr. Mark said that council does not have any knowledge of what they are voting on. Solicitor Nicholls said he can draft another resolution that would be more specific for the borough of Jermyn.

**LCAB DUES** – A motion was made by J. Smith seconded by A.J. Fuga to pay the \$75.00 dues for membership in the LCAB. All members were in favor.

**BIDS FOR DELUCHY PROPERTY:**

One bid was received.

George Viribitsky – \$18,000.00

A motion was made by J. Smith seconded by J. Mark to reject the bid submitted by G. Viribitsky in the amount of \$18,000.00.

#### RE-BID DELUCHY PROPERTY

A motion was made by J. Smith seconded by J. Mark to re-bid the Deluchy property. All members were in favor.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A motion was made by J. Mark, seconded by W. Estile to pay J.G. Esgro for two days and 4 hours of unused time at 2011 rate. All members were in favor.

J.S. ESGRO – A motion was made by J. Smith seconded by J. Mark to table the issue of paying J.S. Esgro for 12 days vacation and 4 hours personal. All members were in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**– LCAB dinner will be January 19. J. Mark, B. Smallacombe and K. Hosie will attend.

A motion was made to accept the resignation of James Pidgeon from the Shade Tree Commission by A.J. Fuga, seconded by J. Smith. All members were in favor.

A motion was made by J. Smith seconded by J. Mark to have Mr. James Pidgeon an emeritus member of the Jermyn Shade Tree Commission. All members were in favor.

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

A motion was made by J. Smith seconded by J. Mark to pay D. Morcom five and half days of unused vacation days. On roll call the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to have the borough secretary void the payroll checks dated January 5, 2012 and reissue them with the old rate of hourly pay and insurance deductions by J. Smith, seconded by J. Mark. All members were in favor.

J. Smith asked that all councilmen please review the employee handbook.

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