

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL November 13,2014

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, October 9 ,2014 at 7:00 p.m. On roll call the following members were present: J.McDermott, W.Estile, J.Smith, B.Parks and K.Hosie. J.Wilson and J.Allan were absent. Attorney Nicholls and Mayor Smallacombe were in attendance.

MINUTES – A motion was made by W.Estile,seconded by J.McDermott to accept the minutes of September 11,2014. All members were in favor.

FINANICAL REPORT– W.Estile gave the financial report:

Beginning Balance	– \$ 186,263.36
Deposits	– \$ 18,977.40
Expenses	– \$ 37,708.22
Ending Balance	– \$ 167,472.54

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

ELECTED OFFICERS – Mayor Smallacombe reported that the police are doing a good job and he has not received any complaints and asked that all our officers be kept in prayer, as what happened in Monroe County could happen anywhere. He said the Historical Society has new postcards out and will be sold at Sterling Pharmacy and Debbie's. The Black Sage Concert will be on October 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the gym and tickets are \$5.00. The Historical Society will have their open house on November 9th from 1 to 4.

The Events committee are planning their annual dinner and awards ceremony to be held on February 21.

APPOINTED OFFICERS : Attorney Nicholls said that DGK is the lowest bidder at \$77,881.00. EHD was a little lower initially, but DGK estimated the workmans compensation because the rates were not received at the time of bidding. Attorney

Nicholls recommended DGK. A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by W.Estile to award the annual insurance package to DGK. All members were in favor.

FIRE CHIEF – Mr. Rood said he looks forward to working with Bob Chase the new Artisan Captain. He said B.Chase and himself got a siren from the DPW and installed it at the Artisan. He also wished to caution Council about using the borough garage, you have to be real careful with the system, the doors cannot be closed, there is phase three electric. Mr. Rood asked if there is anything new about the drones, Attorney Nicholls said no.

At this time K.Hosie said at the next meeting public input will be limited to five minutes.

PUBLIC INPUT – Girl Scout Troop 55440 requested permission for their annual Christmas Light Parade on December 13, line up at 5:30, parade at 6:00.

Mr. Art Wilson said that Joanne sends her thanks to all for their kindness.

Mayor Smallacombe said he did talk to Rock Bottom about the projects on Bacon Street and behind 642 Washington Avenue and they said as soon as they are done with paving, they will be here.

Floyd Celli, 642 Washington Avenue, addressed Council and said it took 28 days for Bureau Veritas to respond to his e-mail. R. Rood said that B.Chase, Dennis Kutch and himself met for three hours to review the three proposals for the third party inspectors. He said there were a lot of differences in the proposals. Mr. Rood asked when council needs the results, Attorney Nichols said if possibly for the next work session? Mr. Chase said there was a big difference in the pricing. Mr. Rood said we have three pages of questions and may meet with the companies.

Mr. Celli asked about the resident who lives near Convenient, why did the Borough address a personal problem? K. Hosie said council was notified by the Police Department and her self and W.Estile looked at the problem and realized it was not a borough issue. Mr. Celli also asked why DPW employee A.J.Fuga is making \$12.00 an hour, when the employee that resigned was only making \$11.00. K. Hosie said because

Mr. Fuga was a part time employee with the borough for a long time, longer than the employee who resigned.

Mr. A. Whitiak, 572 Washington Avenue addressed council and thanked council and audience for still patronizing his business. He said the five minute limit is very disheartening, that council will chase people away. Mr. Whitiak asked Attorney Nicholls about the at will employee law concerning Bureau Veritas, Attorney Nicholls said they are an independent contractor, not an employee and we are under contract. Mr. Whitiak said when he comes to council and asks for help he wished other businesses in town would come and support him and the five minutes is a joke.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by J.McDermott to give Girl Scout Troop 55440 permission to have the annual Christmas Light Parade on December 13 at 6:00 p.m. All members were in favor.

INVOICES – A motion was made by B.Parks, seconded by J.Smith to pay the invoices in the amount of \$278.75. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Parks said we have received three applications for the part time DPW position and we will start to interview soon. Mr. Parks said he was approached by an officer to ask if we can put a blue light in one of the decorative lights on Washington Avenue in honor of fallen officers. A motion was made by B.Parks, seconded by W.Estile to have a blue light installed in one of the decorative lights on Washington Avenue. All members were in favor. Mayor Smallacombe said he would pay for the light.

Mr. Parks asked Attorney Nicholls about the Creek Project. Attorney Nicholls said he sent out a nine page letter to the State with his opinion on ownership of the creek properties.

ZONING OFFICER – Mr. Chase reported that he has all the sign problems worked out, a permit to refuse, a citation to write. Election signs are allowed with some restrictions. Mr. Parks asked that no signs be placed at the Girl Scout Corner.

JUNIOR COUNCILMAN– B.Swatt said when first came on one of the first things he suggested was a better way to communicate with the residents about alternate parking.

That fell through when Bill Arthur said he had some kind of communication system, to text residents. A better way to notify them would be to call them, Ray said it would be something to resurrect with the winter coming and he will look into it.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 BUDGET

Mrs. Hosie said she felt really bad but it's the third year that our employees will not be getting a raise.

Mr. Whitiak said didn't Chief Arthur get a raise? Mrs. Hosie said no he is receiving the salary already in the budget for Chief Zellers. If Chief Zellers returns he will receive the same salary.

A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by J.McDermott to adopt the 2015 budget in the amount of \$675,943.00. All members were in favor.

PAVING PROJECT– Mrs. Hosie asked Council if we should contact KBA to start the process for the paving project? Mr. Smith asked how much are we going to finance? Attorney Nicholls said we have to see how much we can afford to pay back. The secretary was asked to obtain interest rates for paving loans.

Mr. Parks said we will have an electronic recycling day on November 1st at the borough building from 8:00 to noon.

RESOLUTION MONROE COUNTY GRANT – A motion was made by B.Parks seconded by J.McDermott to adopt the Resolution stating we are applying for a grant in the amount of \$513,112.00 with the Monroe County Gaming Grant to pave and install drainage structure for Old Mill Road. All members were in favor.

Acting Chief W.Arthur – – A motion was made to re-appoint W.Arthur as Acting Chief until the next meeting or Chief Zellers returns. All members were in favor.

Mr. Parks notified everyone that the Steamtown Marathon is this coming Sunday.

Mr. Smallacombe said concerning the complaints at the last meeting concerning Rushbrook Street. The Police have cited some trucks and Penn Dot came in and took care of the pot holes.

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

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[October 20, 2014 at 9:59 pm](#)

5 minutes to speak? very disappointed about that.

drones are legal.

a grant for \$513,112.00 for roads paving and drainage for old mill road, what about the flood project?

did u know children are walking in traffic everyday just to cross the Madison ave. bridge. did u know that the ambulance has to take a longer route just to get to its destination because the Lincoln bridge is out.

I think that money is best used for the flood project to restore safety before someone gets seriously hurt or killed. priority no.1

thanks bob parks for at least mentioning the flood project.

so attorney nicholls gave a 9 page letter to the state of his opinion on ownership of the creek properties, well tell us what your opinion is mr. nicholls. tell us where these 4 properties r located. did u find the owners? who pays taxes on it? why no details?

have a safe day ,.. F.C.

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November 21, 2014 at 9:50 am

2nd attempt, according to the Scranton times newspaper article, the mayor said the solicitor found the 4 property owners in june 2014. well who are the property owners?

thank you f.c.

also, the solicitor said he turned in a 9 page report to the dep on his findings. what r his findings? give details please. thank you f.c.

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