

Jermyn Borough

Council Meeting

12/3/20

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Thursday, December 3, 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, Kristen Dougherty, Kevin Napoli, Carl Tomaine and Robert Hunt. Mayor Fuga, Attorney Aquilino and Amanda Rzucidlo were also present. Cynthia Stephens, Kathlyn Goodwin, Bob Chase, Stanley Hallowich, KBA, and Jim Perry were absent.

Minutes: A motion was made by K. Dougherty to accept the minutes of 11/19/20 as presented. Seconded by K. Napoli. All in favor, motion carried.

Vacant Council Seat Interviews: F. Kulick stated he has prepared a list of questions for each applicant which he will ask, and then if council has any questions for the applicants, they may ask. Below is a synopsis of the questions and answers of each candidate:

	Tina Binner	Tricia Dabney	Kyra Davey
1. How Long Have You Been A Resident of Jermyn?	7 Years	All Her Life	All Her Life
2. Are You a Registered Voter?	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Have You Ever Served on Any City/Borough Council or as a Township Supervisor?	No	No	No
4. What, if any, Committees or Organizations Have You Been an Active Member of in Jermyn or Other Towns You Lived In?	None	Artisan Fire Company, Ladies Auxillary	Secretary of Jermyn Recreations Commission, served on Jermyn Crime Watch, coached Jermyn Baseball, Lakeland Basketball
5. What Strengths Do You Feel You Would Bring to Council if Appointed?	Very Energetic, Learns Quickly, Very Outgoing	Fresh Ideas, Team Player, Keep Jermyn Going Well	Very Organized, Good at Looking at Long Term Effects of Decisions, What Can Go Wrong, Able to Look at Things from Others' Perspectives
6. Do You Have Any Opinions on What the Current Council is Doing or Can Do Better?	She thinks they're doing a good job	She thinks they're doing a great job	Everything has been good that she's seen
7. Do You Have Any Questions for Us?	No	No	No

President Kulick thanked each candidate for coming in to interview, and announced that the appointed position is to fill the council seat of Jennifer Schreiner, which runs until December, 2023. Council will appoint a member at the 12/17/20 meeting, and letters of interest will still be accepted until 12/10/20, as advertised.

Treasurer's Report/Bills Payable: D. Markey presented the Treasurer's Report for December 3, 2020:

ASSETS

Capital Reserve - DPW	13,427.45
Capital Reserve - Police	2,606.44
Crime Watch Fund	755.44
General Fund - Community	194,322.96
General Fund - FNB	1,975.68
Holiday Lights Fund	543.90
Investment - General Fund	1.39
Investment - Liquid Fuels	33,806.66
Investment - Paving Fund	11.91
Investment - Recycling	5,002.59
Investment - Refuse	2,604.51
Liquid Fuels - FNB	31,562.59
Petty Cash	176.42
Recreations Fund	9,338.02
Recycling - Community	9,109.37
Refuse Checking - FNB	36,451.00
Total Checking/Savings	341,696.33

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

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

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None.

Special Presentation: Mayor Fuga presented Isabella Brown with the Distinguished Junior Councilperson Award by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

Speed Limit Ordinance: F. Kulick read the proposed ordinance to reduce the speed limit from 35mph to 25mph on Washington Ave from Gibson St to the Jermyn-Archbald borough line. F. Kulick asked for a motion to advertise the ordinance. A motion was made by C. Tomaine to advertise the ordinance to reduce the Washington Ave Speed Limit. Seconded by K. Dougherty. All members in favor, motion carried.

2021 Budget: F. Kulick explained that the 2021 budget was duly advertised and available for inspection during the past 12 days, and asked for a motion to pass the budget. A motion was made by K. Dougherty to pass the 2021 budget as advertised. Seconded by K. Napoli. All members in favor, motion carried.

Resolution 20-2020: F. Kulick read Resolution #20-2020, setting the 2021 property tax millage at 30 mills. A motion was made by K. Dougherty to pass Resolution #20-2020. Seconded by R. Hunt. All members in favor, motion carried. F. Kulick clarified that the special taxes from 2020 for fire and debt reduction have been eliminated.

2021 Meeting Dates: F. Kulick stated the 2021 meeting dates need to be established and advertised. F. Kulick asked for a motion. A motion was made by K. Napoli to establish the 3rd Thursday of each month in 2021 as borough council meeting dates. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All members in favor, motion carried.

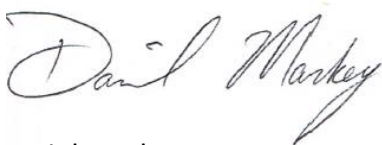
New Business: D. Markey stated that the DEP reached out to him to see if the borough would be interested in pairing with university post grad students for help with climate action plan issues. D. Markey stated the DEP advised they can help with MS4 issues, as that was our #1 concern in our CAP. He also advised that the DEP stated that a climate action plan is not mandatory, and if any members of council want to change any aspects of the climate action plan prior to passage, they may feel free to do so. F. Kulick asked D. Markey to pass along the information provided by the DEP to council so they can review prior to the next meeting.

K. Napoli stated he was approached by Chief Arthur and asked to make a motion to hire Sgt. Louis Kline as a part time officer, which will help fill in some shifts we're having a hard time filling in. Chief Arthur stated he's been a policeman for over 30 years, and will bring a lot of expertise. A motion was made by K. Napoli to hire Sgt Louis Kline as a part time officer, at the regular part time rate of pay. Seconded by K. Dougherty.

D. Markey received information regarding bonding that he will give to C. Tomaine to review prior to the next meeting.

Adjournment: With no other business to come before the meeting, a motion was made to adjourn by K. Napoli. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All members in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Markey
Borough Manager