

## **Council Minutes – September 12, 2013**

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 7: 00 p.m. On roll call the following members were present: J.Mark, W.Estile, J.Allan, J.Smith, A.J.Fuga, B.Parks and K.Hosie. Attorney Nicholls and Mayor Smallacombe were in attendance.

**MINUTES** –A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by A.J.Fuga to accept the minutes of August 8, 2013 as presented. All members were in favor.

J.Smith presented the financial report:

G.F. Beginning Balance- \$343,349.89

Deposits -\$26,736.19

Expenses – \$71,405.12

Ending Balance – \$298,680.96

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

At this time the Refuse bids were opened:

J.P. Mascaro – \$471,852.00

Waste Management – \$459,465.00

Scroggs -\$449,489.00

County Waste -\$443,940.12

Bids will be reviewed by Attorney Nicholls and awarded at the October 10th meeting.

### **INSURANCE BIDS**

One bid received from DGK

DGK – \$89,081.00

Bid will be reviewed by Attorney Nicholls and awarded at the October 10th meeting.

### **FORD EXPLORER BID:**

Ray Rood – \$500.00

The borough secretary read the letter included with the bid explaining that the vehicle will be used by the Fire Chief, the Captain of the Fire Police and our EMA Coordinator. Mr. Rood is purchasing the vehicle for the benefit of the Borough and to cut down on the wear and tear of his own vehicle.

**FORD EXPLORER:** A motion was made by W.Estile ,seconded by B.Parks to sell the 2007 Ford Explorer in the amount of\$500.00 to Ray Rood. On roll call the motion passed 5 to 2.

**MAYOR** –The Mayor reported the police are doing an excellent job. He said they have been assisting in a child abuse case. The Chief got a \$1000.00 seat belt grant and are working on the problem with the four wheelers. The Variety Show will be held on September 28 at Heart Lake. The Historical Society is having an open house this Sunday. He asked that modified be put down on the shoulder of Bridge Street so the water doesn't undermine the road.

**ADAMS CABLE CONTRACT** – Attorney Nicholls said there was one modification to the cable contract that the boroughs internet is 3 mg's and will be free, but the fire company has 6mg's and if they wish to change to 3mg's it will also be free.

A motion was made to approve the amendment to the Adams Cable contract concerning free internet service for 3mg by A.J.Fuga , seconded by J.Mark. All members were in favor.

**FIRE CHIEF** – He said the Borough has a problem with the fire siren and he is looking into options to have it fixed. He explained the system is thirty years old and needs an update.

**PUBLIC INPUT** – Three girl scouts from Troop 50440 asked permission to have the third Christmas Light Parade on December 14 and the use of the gym for refreshments.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE** – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by J.Mark to give permission to Girl scout Troop 50440 to have the Christmas Light Parade and the use of the gym. All members were in favor.

**SEWER 403 BACON STREET** – R.Rood asked about his sewer project. K. Hosie said Dennis Kutch said they have not received the survey from Joe Barrett. Mr. Rood said he doesn't understand the scope of the survey? Mr. Rood commented on the refuse bids and said sometimes the cheapest isn't the best. He said one Friday they left garbage on his lawn and they were called back to pick it up and the following Friday his trash was not picked up at all.

**SCHOOL BUS STOP** – Chief Arthur reported that he has received many complaints from parents about the school bus stop at Madison and Rushbrook . He asked if a crossing guard could be looked into in, he contacted Mayfield and they pay half the cost of their crossing guards. J.Smith recommended that the Chief call the school. K.Hosie said perhaps the bus stop can be moved.

At this time Chief Arthur reported that there was a missing person in town and wished to thank Office Mallick, William Walker Ambulance, Jermyn Fire Police, the Crystal and Artisan Fire for volunteering their assistance, the person was found in a half an hour.

K. Hosie thanked Officer McMorrow , W.Estile and the Jermyn Crime Watch for the excellent job done at the Jermyn Night Out.

**WRIGHT CENTER 5-K Race** – Kellen Krakey addressed Council concerning the 5-K Race being sponsored by the Wright Center in Archbald. Council had approved the race when they thought it was to take place a short distance on Washington and into the Woodlands with a few intersections to be manned. It came to Councils' attention that the race will go all the way up Washington to Franklin and through the housing development. Councilman R.Parks and W.Estile explained that the Borough does not have the manpower for all the intersections. K.Hosie explained we only have one officer on duty at a time and if he receives a call he has to leave. W.Estile said he is unsure how many fire police he can have, possibly only two. J.Smith said there is concern about the runners safety, could there be another route? B.parks suggested to run through East Jermyn, less volunteers would be needed.

A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by A.J.Fuga to approve the race conditionally with oversight from Chief Arthur, W.Estile and R.Parks. All members were in favor.

Mr. A. Whitiak, said the Wright Center is a great asset and would help in any way with the race. He went on to say he has great respect for the fire and police departments, but the problem is still there although there is less presence. His concern is that it does affect business. Mr. R.Parks said he was sick of this and that Mr. Whitiak says the same thing every month. Mr. Parks said the economy is not good, there is more to it than the police department. Mr.Whitiak said it affects 35 familys that he has working for him.

Mr. Parks said the police slow people down before they get to the light and the school bus stop. K.Hosie said the officers are going to different locations. Mr.Parks said he has always been civil to Mr.Whitiak but he is beating a dead horse. Mrs. Hosie said for Mr. Whitiak to come back as often as he wants.

R.Chase thanked council for letting the Artisan park their truck at the borough garage.

**FINANCE**– A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by A.J.Fuga to pay invoices in the amount of \$7,486.70. All members were in favor.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – W.Estile said he received prices on the line painter. Sherwin Williams was the cheapest.

A motion was made by W.Estile seconded by A.J.Fuga to purchase a line painter from Sherwin Williams at a cost of \$3,698.99. All members were in favor. K. Hosie said the machine will pay for itself.

**RECREATION**– J.Allan reported that the backboards are finished and the gym is being rented out a lot. He explained biddy ball may be using the gym, they will be meeting and will get back to him.

**ZONING** – R. Chase reported that he has contacted the homeowners at the corner of Rushbook and Jefferson and they are going to cooperate and trim the hedges. W.Estile asked if there is a permit for the signs at that corner? Mr.Chase said yes a temporary permit for thirty days.

**MMO** – A motion was made by A.J.Fuga, seconded by J.Allan to accept the MMO's for 2014, the General Employees \$7,222.00 and the Police pension,\$15,064.00 . All members were in favor.

**County Mitigation Plan** – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by J.Allan to participate in the Lackawanna County Mitigation Plan. All members were in favor.

**Re-Appoint William Arthur**– A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by B.Parks to re-appoint William Arthur as Acting Chief of Police until D.Zellers returns to work or the next council meeting. All members were in favor.

**Cooperation Agreement Lackawanna County**– A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by A.J.Fuga to participate in a cooperation agreement with Lackawanna County concerning the Rushbrook Creek Flood Project. All members were in favor.

D.Morcom informed Council we did not qualify for the County grant to pave the 400 block of Jefferson Avenue.

The Steamtown Marathon will be held on October 13, they will be through Jermyn at 9:00 or 9:30. J.Smith said we need as many volunteers as we can get.

Mr. Smith said that this is the first time he has seen the ending balance in the General Fund below \$300,000.00.

B.Parks said the contract with the realtor for the property on Riverview Lane is up for renewal. Council agreed to re new the contract for six months.

J.Smith mentioned that the street light at Mr. T. Ushers' home is blocked by tree limbs. Mr. Parks said they were in town trimming and were told about it.

J.Allan said there are some Main Street Lights out. Mr. Parks said it will cost a fortune to have them fixed, the wires may have to be re-run. He asked if Council wishes to spend the money on them. J. Allan said he will look at them.

J.Smith said the finance committee will be meeting and for all departments to hand in their budgets for 2014.

B.Smallacombe asked if modified can be put down at Bonnie drive. Mr. Parks said he will look at it.

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