

## UNOFFICIAL UNTIL DECEMBER 12, 2013

Jermyn Borough Council met on Monday, November 18, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. On roll call the following members were present: W.Estile, J.Allan, J.Smith, A.J.Fuga and K.Hosie. Attorney Nicholls and Mayor Smallacombe were present. J.Mark and B.Parks were absent.

J.Smith explained that the budget process is an educated guess. Some revenues went down and some expenses went up. He thanked J.Allan and J.Mark for their assistance with the proposed budget.

Mr.Smith said there will be no raises and health care for the employee only. He had concerns about the cost of ammunition for police qualifying, this year the cost was \$9,500.00. K.Hosie said she does not understand why officers have to qualify in every town they work in?

J.Smith said the borough has to raise taxes by 4 mills. Mrs. Hosie said the cost in the resident tax bill will be about \$40.00 to \$45.00 yearly, she thanked the finance committee for their hard work.

Mr.Smith said the surplus has dwindled and we have to be very careful with our spending.

### **2014 PROPOSED BUDGET:**

A motion was made by A.J.Fuga seconded by W.Estile to adopt the 2014 proposed budget in the amount of \$675,116.33, with a 4 mill tax increase. All members were in favor. A copy of the budget will be available for public review at the borough office, 440 Jefferson Avenue.

K.Hosie asked Mr. Fuga if he had spoken to Rockbottom Construction if they will honor the quote previously given to the borough for the Bacon Street Sewer Project. Mr. Fuga said he did speak to them and if the price of the pipe has not gone up, they will honor the quote.

**BACON STREET SEWER PROJECT** –A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by W.Estile to have Rockbottom Construction do the Bacon Street Project honoring the submitted quote. All members were in favor.

Mr. Smith said some drastic measures may have to be taken, perhaps Mayfield can be contacted to see if we can combine some shifts and lower police costs for both boroughs. Mr.Smith said perhaps we can start discussions with Mayfield as the borough does not want to have to raise taxes in the future.

A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by A.J.Fuga to have K.Hosie head a committee to contact Mayfield concerning the police shifts. All members were in favor.

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