

Council Minutes – June 14 2012

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: W.Estile, J.Smith, B.Parks and K.Hosie. Attorney Nicholls and Mayor Smallacombe were in attendance. J.Mark, A.J.Fuga and J.Allan were absent.

MINUTES – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by W.Estile to adopt the minutes of May 10 2012 as circulated. All members were in favor.

J.Smith reported a Beginning Balance of \$196,278.73
Expenses \$46,078.52
Ending Balance \$336,766.51

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

Council went into executive session at 7:03 for personnel reasons, council reconvened from executive session at 8:17.

RE-INSTATE OFFICER PATRICK – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by B.Parks to re-instate Officer Turique Patrick immediately and to pay him for one lost day of work. On roll call the motion carried 3 to 2. W.Estile and K.Hosie voting no, J.Smith and B.Parks voting yes, with the Mayor breaking the tie with a yes vote.

At this time Mayor Smallacombe read a letter of appreciation for Mr. Frank Kulick for his gracious donation of Landowner Ordinance decals in memory of his father Walter Kulick.

MAYOR – Thanked all who put out their flags for Flag Day. Also thanked the American Legion and The Artisan Fire company for the great job with the Memorial Day parade. He commended T.Ciminaro for his win at the Boston Marathan. The Crime Watch will have their National Night Out on August 9 and asked that the community please participate. The Events Committee will have a concert in the park on July 22 from 6 to 8. The Events Committee are planning the annual dinner in February. The Mayor thanked Acting Chief William Arthur on the great job he is doing. The public safety committee

met with Acting Chief Arthur and himself to interview candidates for part time police officer. The Events Committee will be donating \$750.00 towards the Enradd traffic system replacing vascar. The Crime Watch will look into a donation after the National Night Out celebration.

SOLICITOR – Attorney Nicholls said that the borough has to amend our Zoning Ordinance to be in compliance with Act 13. The Borough has to vote to either have the ordinance amended to read that oil wells are prohibited 500 feet from residential or prohibited use.

ACT 13 – A motion was made by W.Estile, seconded by B.Parks to amend the zoning ordinance to comply with Act 13 to state prohibited use. All members were in favor.

ACT 13 – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by W. Estile to approve the 2010 verification statement for ACT 13. All members were in favor.

ROCKBOTTOM SUBDIVISION – A motion was made by B.Parks seconded by W.Estile to approve the subdivision behind Rockbottom on Washington Avenue per Jermyn Planning Commission and Attorney Nicholls recommendation. All members were in favor.

SOLID WASTE CONTRACT -A motion was made by B.Parks seconded by W.Estile to enter into a ten year contract with the Lackawanna County Solid Waste Management Authority for disposal of the boroughs' recyclables. All members were in favor.

B.Parks asked Attorney Nicholls to look into the resolution to dispose of abandoned bicycles.

FIRE CHIEF– Chief Rood stated that the water company put a new hydrant in at 24 Old Mill Road, saving the borough a lot of money. He said that Scott Township has been chosen by Home for Our Troops, a national organization, to build a home for a veteran. Any kind of help is appreciated, volunteers, food, donations.

PUBLIC INPUT – Mrs. G.Flynn asked if a stop sign can be put on Shields Court at Whitmore and Division. DPW will look into it.

Mr. Usher asked if the grass can be cut in the alley behind the 500 block of Washington and Madison. Acting Chief Arthur will look into it.

Mr. Ray Rood, 403 Bacon Street, asked if there is any progress on his sewer problem. Attorney Nicholls said no. Council did not respond.

A representative from Lackawanna County informed council about upcoming events. This Saturday is the Heritage Bike Tour. July 3, will be a free philharmonic concert on Courthouse Square, a fish derby at the state park in Waverly and other events on the county website.

R.Smith, Delaware Street asked when Bridge Street will be opened. It was stated that the engineer is working on the cost.

FINANCE– A motion was made by W.Estle seconded by B.Parks to pay the invoices in the amount of \$5399.64 . All members were in favor.

BODY ARMOUR – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by B.Parks to purchase Officer Caljean a bullet proof vest, less the \$425.00 from the grant. All members were in favor.

POLICE DEPT. COMPUTER – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by W.Estle to purchase a computer/scanner/fax for the police department at a cost of \$1364.35. All members were in favor.

WIRELESS DOORBELL – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by B.Parks to purchase wireless doorbells for both doors at a cost of \$70.00. All members were in favor.

ENRADD SYSTEM – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by W.Estle to purchase the Enradd System, including training at a cost of \$3995.00. All members were in favor.

LOCKING FILE CABINET – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by W.Estle to purchase a locking file cabinet at a cost of \$275.00. All members were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS – B.Parks said the alley behind the post office has been repaired and is open. He said Millineum Daycare asked for a key to the field bathroom. Council said no, they can come by the office to pick it up. Mr. Parks explained he met with Mr. Jones from Penn Dot concerning using the agility program to have lines painted on Maple Street and Bonnie Drive. He said Penn Dot does not allow credit for beautification. He is looking into street lights for Bonnie Drive and T.Estile will contact the engineer at PPL. He explained we had to change the scope of the recycling grant as they will not fund a compacter unless we can prove it won't crush the glass. The change entailed a truck similar to the one we have with 18 more inches of working space.

PUBLIC SAFETY – J.Smith reported that the Safety Committee met and selected good candidates for the police department, we will vote later.

ARTISAN CADET PROGRAM – A motion was made by B.Parks seconded by J.Smith to approve a Cadet Program at the Artisan Fire Company. All members were in favor.

K.Hosie reported we obtained a County Block Grant to pave the 700 block of Lincoln Avenue.

PART TIME OFFICERS – A motion was made by J.Smith seconded by W.Estile to hire as part time officers Dean Argenta, Michael Mallick, Dennis Sekelsky and Kevin Yetkowskas at a starting salary of \$8.00 an hour while training, than go up to the next step in salary. All members were in favor.

K.Hosie explained to council that a list of names has been received from Berkheimer and will be compared to J.Christians' records, to be sure we have all the residents.

K.Hosie reported that Chief Zellers has another doctor's appointment on July 10.

ACTING CHIEF WILLIAM ARTHUR – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by W.Estile to renew William Arthur as Acting Chief up to July 12 at midnight. All members were in favor.

A motion was made to adjourn by W.Estile, seconded by B.Parks. All members were in favor.