

## UNOFFICIAL UNTIL MAY 14, 2015

Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. On roll call the following members were present: J.Wilson, W.Estile, J.Allan, J.Smith, B.Parks and K.Hosie. J.McDermott was absent. Mayor Smallacombe and Attorney Nicholls were present.

**MINUTES** – A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by J.Smith to accept the minutes of March 12, 2015. Motion passed, with K. Hosie abstaining, as she was absent at the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – W.Estile gave the financial report:

Beginning Balance	– \$ 139,716.41
Deposits	– \$66,217.75
Expenses	– \$ 52,783.14
Ending Balance	– \$ 153,151.02

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

**Mayor**– Mayor Smallacombe stated that the Masons’ will be having a tribute to First Responders on May 20, no one attended from Jermyn last year and he would like to see representation from Jermyn this year. He said he has been approached by neighbors about making the 700 block of Shields Court one way, as residents’ yards are being dug up, he asked Council to look into it. K.Hosie said Attorney Nichols will look into the matter. The Mayor said the Police Egg Hunt had a good turnout, they had 1700 eggs and the Lions’ Club egg Hunt had a decent turnout. The Mayor said Chief Arthur has started the Tracs system for e-citations and accident reports, the same system used by Pa. State Police, at no cost, a state grant. The Mayor reminded Council that the Crown Victoria has over 100,000 and the Taurus has 25,000 and we need to look into a new cruiser. K.Hosie said we will be discussing a new cruiser at the next work session.

**FIRE CHIEF** – Chief Rood said the siren seems to be working ok right now. He said that he has to get paperwork to Attorney Nichols concerning background checks for fire companies.

**PUBLIC INPUT** – Mr. Floyd Celli, 642 Washington Avenue, he addressed the work that was done in the alley behind his property saying when Rock Bottom did the job, it was done at the wrong time of the year and the alley is back the way it was. Mr. Celli said that at the meeting, concerning the water problem in front of his home, that the State said it was the Borough’s problem. Attorney Nicholls’ asked for the name and telephone number of the Penn Dot spokesman, Mr. Celli said he would get it for him. Attorney Nicholls said he would like to have an explanation of why it is the Borough’s problem. Mr. Parks’ said the run off is coming from a state road? Mr. Celli said the state is not responsible for water runoff. Mr. Parks said perhaps a drain could be put in the greenway, depending on how deep the drain is.

A. Whitiak, 518 Garfield Avenue addressed council, thanking K. Hosie, B. Parks and J. Wilson for looking into the water problem in front of his residence. Mrs. Hosie said that T. Grizzanti said that Garfield Avenue is a borough road, Raymond never had to turn it over. Mr. Whitiak said since it is Jermyn's responsibility, the road is starting to cave in. Mr. Parks said part of the situation is the pipe that Mr. Whitiak had installed and he asked Mr. Whitiak if he found the plans for the drainage. Mr. Whitiak said the Borough's web site is not up to date and needs to be simple. Mrs. Wilson said the Borough's web site is a site for facts, the calendar and organizations in the community, strictly information. Mr. Whitiak again addressed the Enradd System and the police pulling drivers over in his parking lot, he said if a stop went bad it could be dangerous for his customers. The Mayor said the police do not direct the drivers to the parking lot, the cars pull into it.

Heather Carpenter, 210 Rushbrook Street, agreed with making the 700 block of Shields Court one way, as she has had her fence and shrubs damaged.

Dan Markey, 299 S. Washington Avenue asked Attorney Nicholls if he looked into the subject of the Fire Company charging homeowners insurance for a fire call. Attorney Nicholls said he wants to check with another insurance carrier and the way he reads it is it only applies if the fire company goes outside of Jermyn. Mrs. Hosie asked what if two companies respond? Mr. Markey said whoever applies first would be paid.

Mr. Celli asked about the two homes on Main Street that are boarded up? R. Rood said the yellow one, had a fire and is tied up in the courts. Mrs. Hosie said the other one, the borough engineer is looking into.

**FINANCE**— A motion was made by J. Wilson, seconded by B. Parks to pay invoices in the amount of \$1,142.32. All members were in favor.

**DPW**— Mr. Parks said he spoke to Steve Armially about any grants for a new dump truck. Mr. Armially said the LSA grant comes up in July and allocated next spring. He said a new vehicle would have a stainless steel box. Mr. Parks said the DPW will be trying a different cold patch that may work better. He informed council that they found a different trailer that can haul the roller for \$900.00. Mrs. Hosie said that DPW has money in their budget for it.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** — Mr. Smith said concerning a new cruiser we are receiving information on the leasing costs and will discuss it at the work session. Chief Arthur asked if a new dump truck is purchased to have a lot more warning lights installed.

**ARBOR DAY** — A motion was made by J. Wilson seconded by J. Allan to proclaim April 22 Arbor Day in the Borough. All members were in favor. Mrs. Wilson said the JSTC will be re-seeding and mulching the greenway.

**RECREATION** – J.Allan said he is setting up a meeting with the new Recreation Committee in the near future. J.Wilson said they have three new Welcome to Jermyn signs that were donated and asked for help from the DPW to install them.

**ROADS COMMITTEE** – J.Smith said that KBA is currently working on estimates for the paving project. K.Hosie said she will call T. Grizzanti tomorrow to get an updated cost estimate for our paving project.

**JUNIOR COUNCILMAN** – B.Swatt asked permission to inventory every street sign for his Eagle Scout Project. A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by B.Parks to allow B.Swatt to inventory the street signs in the Borough for his Eagle Scout Project. All members were in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**SEWER AUTHORITY REQUEST** – A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by J.Smith to agree to the access road to the Sewer Authority's wastewater treatment plant being named "Powder Mill Lane". All members were in favor.

**RE-APPOINT WILLIAM ARTHUR** – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by W.Estile to re-appoint William Arthur as Acting Police Chief until the next council meeting or if Chief Zellers returns. All members were in favor.

Council went into executive session, Council reconvened from executive session.

**DANIEL ZELLERS** – A motion was made by J.Allan, seconded by J. Wilson to start the process with Chief Zellers to have an informal hearing to discuss our position, to see if he agrees and if he does ,he will resign if he doesn't agree, the next step will be to have a formal hearing to terminate. All members were in favor.

**INFORMAL HEARING** – A motion was made by J.Smith, seconded by J.Wilson to have the informal hearing on May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in an executive session of Council. All members were in favor.

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