

Jermyn Borough

Council Meeting

3/17/2022

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2022, 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 VP President Trish Daney with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following members were present: Trish Dabney, Carl Tomaine, Robert Hunt, Kyra Davey, and Bob Chase. Mayor Fuga and Attorney Representative Brendan Fitzgerald are also present. Frank Kulick, Kevin Napoli, Jeff Morcom, KBA, NEIC, Jim Perry, Nicole Stephens, and Stanley Hallowich were absent.

Minutes: K. Davey made a motion to accept the minutes of 2/17/22 as presented, seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion carried.

7:04 pm K. Napoli arrived at the meeting

Treasurer's Report/Bills Payable: S. Lee read the treasurer's report:

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Capital Reserve - DPW	10,725.94
Capital Reserve - Police	4,621.82
Crime Watch Fund	222.69
General Fund – Community	180,227.83
General Fund – FNB	4,506.15
Holiday Lights Fund	1,374.09
Investment - General Fund	1,001.62
Investment - Liquid Fuels	33,817.03
Investment - Paving Fund	1,011.98
Investment - Recycling	5,003.86
Investment - Refuse	2,600.44
Liquid Fuels - FNB	66,755.07
Petty Cash	231.00
Recreations Fund	18,234.92
Recycling - Community	10,063.44
Refuse Checking - FNB	6,019.78
Total Checking/Savings	346,417.66

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

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Long Term Debt 328,205.34

A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and pay bills by C. Tomaine. Seconded by K. Davey. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ratify Bill Paid on 3/2/22: Motion was made to accept bills paid on 3/2/22 by K. Davey. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Dabney read a letter from Jim Davis, dated March 10, 2022, addressed to F. Kulick and Council Members. I request a change in the method the monthly financial report is recorded in the meeting minutes. It is certainly not an accurate picture of the borough's finances. The Financial report should list the current assets, the bills payable, and the outstanding liabilities (debt). It does not. There is no mention of the liabilities/debt. Many people viewing this report would subtract only the accounts payable from the current assets and believe the borough is in good financial condition, which is false. I request that any future financial reports include the assets, accounts payable, and liabilities. I am requesting that this be put on the agenda for the March meeting and be voted on by the council.

Council responded that they have addressed this request and had the borough's current long-term debt added to the current liabilities noted in the treasurer's report.

T. Dabney then read a letter from the PA Route 6 Alliance, requesting again our support to take advantage of the Keystone Community Grant they are applying for to help with funding for building façade restoration on commercial buildings. However, the borough has already advised them that we don't have any commercial buildings along Route 6 that would qualify for this funding.

Public Comment: Resident Elizabeth Turner 21 Franklin St, wanted to address council about her concern of the pot holes going down Franklin St and continuing on Laurel St. As they have started a new business that will be bringing more traffic down these streets and have a concern about the traffic flow with trucks trying to get around them.

DPW Tony Fuga had advised her that he would be coming around to address this issue in the coming weeks to help resolve her concern.

Professional Reports:

Police: Absent

Fire: Absent

EMA: Absent

Solicitor: Rep B. Fitzgerald wanted to update everyone on the Rushbrook Creek Project. They are working with KBA on collecting the remaining information they need to start preparing the easements, as they are hoping to get in April to do the surveying to get the appropriate easements for the project.

Code Enforcement: Absent

Zoning: B. Chase advises that he has been getting a bunch of calls again from real estate agents and new residents asking for information that is already on the website. And he has been working on getting through these calls as they are filling up his voicemail, so if anyone calls in, let them know he will be getting back to them as soon as possible.

Engineer: Absent

Tax Collector: Absent

Mayor: T. Fuga spoke on behalf of the police department, wanting to advise that now that we are going into tax season, to watch out for fraud. The IRS will only reach out by mail; if you get a call, it is most likely fraud, as the IRS will not ask you to send them gift cards, Etc. If anyone you know happens to get a call like this to please advise the police department so they can investigate it.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: None

Public Safety: K. Napoli wanted to advise that he has gone over the numbers since we hired a third full-time officer, to confirm if we are saving on the cost of overtime for the Police Chief and full-time officer. And so, it is confirmed that over a three-four-month period, we are down around 4k for the police chief, and down over 4k for the full-time officer.

Finance: None

Shade Tree: None

Grants: None

MS4: S. Lee played a short video about stormwater management.

DPW: T. Fuga brought in an est. from Tim Stangline to do the electrical work needed for the police department and for replacement lighting ballasts for the downstairs front room that the tax collector is currently using. Altogether, he gave us a quote of \$2,835.00

C. Tomaine made a motion to hire Tim Stangline to complete the electrical work at Jermyn Borough. Seconded by K. Napoli. All members in favor. Motion carried.

T. Fuga also updated the council that the doctor has just given him the clearance that he no longer needs to wear his boot for his broken foot. He can continue working on light duty with a shoe support.

7:24 PM J. Morcom arrived at the meeting

Recreations: None

Daycare Parking lot: B. Chase advised that it was brought to his attention that there is a safety concern with the daycare parking lot. He stated he did not receive a formal notification through the borough or zoning office, but as a rumor from a Facebook page that he does not belong to. Being the statement on the page stated that this was a life-threatening issue and that there had been numerous accidents at this location, he felt it needed to be looked into. After contacting the council, who spoke with the police department, who stated that there have been no car issues or incidents reported in the past 15 years in regards to the parking area in front of the day care center. And since 2010, when B. Chase had taken over as zoning officer; his only involvement with this property was in 2012. As it was at this time brought to his attention by the same resident who also initiated this complaint, that by the owners of the property paving over everything to the road that the residents in town do not know where to walk. Just like then and still now, the property owners are not in any violation of a code or zoning ordinance.

K. Napoli added that he was the one who went through the meeting minutes with everyone within the police department, and that all he found was that there had only ever been one complaint by this one

resident. When Ray Rood went to Bob Case in 2012, it was at the request of the then property owners who were acquainted with Ray and requested his advice, as they were tired of being harassed by this resident. What they came up with to try and help resolve this conflict with the neighboring resident, the property owners at the time had installed the poles with the chains to designate a walkway at their own cost. This fencing has since come down as they were damaged by cars, making it potentially hazardous, so the owners of the property had taken it down and addressed any sharp edges that could have been unsafe and hammered them down, making the area safe.

Currently council shows that the current property owner of the daycare is not in violation of any codes or ordinances, so they are allowed to require the owner to make any changes to their personal property at the cost of the property owner.

LSA Grant Resolution #01-2022: T. Dabney read a resolution to apply for the LSA Grant for the assistance with the Woodland's sewer & Paving project phase 2.

A motion was made to pass resolution #01-2022 for the LSA grant application as presented by K. Davey. Seconded by J. Morcom. All members in favor. Motion carried

Police Pension Ordinance: T. Dabney announced that the Police Pension Plan Joinder Agreement Ordinance needed approval to be advertised.

A motion was made to approve the advertisement of the Police Pension Ordinance as presented by K. Napoli. Seconded by K. Davey. All members in favor. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by K. Napoli. Seconded by J. Morcom. All members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Lee,

Secretary/ Treasurer