

Jermyn Borough

Council Meeting

9/15/2022

The Jermyn Borough Council held a council meeting on Thursday, Sept 15, 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 President Frank Kulick with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes: A motion was made by K. Napoli to accept the minutes of 8/18/22 as presented, seconded by J. Morcom. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Capital Reserve - DPW	10,727.00
Capital Reserve - Police	4,801.82
Crime Watch Fund	222.69
General Fund – Community	243,454.46
General Fund – FNB	5,838.39
Holiday Lights Fund	1,374.09
Investment - General Fund	1,004.51
Investment - Liquid Fuels	33,914.99
Investment - Paving Fund	1,014.94
Investment - Recycling	5,018.35
Investment - Refuse	2,607.98
Liquid Fuels - FNB	39,246.98
Petty Cash	231.00
Recreations Fund	21,662.34
Recycling - Community	10,912.28
Refuse Checking - FNB	89,682.17
Total Checking/Savings	471,713.99

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

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Long Term Debt 245,818.13

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

Ratify Bill Paid on 9/6/22: Motion was made to accept bills paid on 9/6/22 by T. Dabney. Seconded by K. Napoli. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Northern Lackawanna Planning & Zoning: Mary Liz Donato & Ted Ritsick gave a presentation/proposal to participate in a multi-municipal plan/zoning update program.

A motion was made by F. Kulick to approve sending a letter of interest to participate in this program. Seconded by T. Dabney. Members in Favor 5, Members Opposed 1, motion carried.

Vacancy on Council: F. Kulick read the first letter of Interest submitted by Mark Kilmer. F. Kulick then read a second letter of interest submitted by Dan Markey.

F. Kulick explained that the way the process works is that he will open the floor for nominations. Nominations do not require a second. Once all nominations are heard, a vote will be taken on the candidates in the order in which they were nominated. F. Kulick then opened the floor for nominations.

-T. Dabney nominated Mark Kilmer.

F. Kulick asked S. Lee for a roll call vote on Mark Kilmer:

F. Kulick – No

T. Dabney – yes

K. Napoli – No

J. Morcom – Yes

C. Tomaine – No

R. Hunt – Yes

With a 3-3 vote, Mayor T. Fuga was asked for his vote to break the tie.

T. Fuga- No

Motion Failed

-K. Napoli nominated Dan Markey.

F. Kulick asked S. Lee for a roll call vote on Dan Markey:

F. Kulick – Yes

T. Dabney – No

K. Napoli – Yes

J. Morcom – No

C. Tomaine – Yes

R. Hunt – No

With a 3-3 vote, Mayor T. Fuga was asked for his vote to break the tie.

T. Fuga- Yes

Motion Carried

Dan Markey is appointed as the newest council member.

F. Kulick thanked the other applicants and reminded applicants that there is an upcoming election next year if they are still interested.

Professional Reports:

Police: B. Arthur advised they have addressed 5890 incidents so far this year. For this past month's report, they had two drug and gun arrests, and one arrest for theft out of vehicles/prowling at night. They are working on traffic control for the Argonish motorcycle ride, and for the Steamtown Race on October 9th, down Washington to the Heritage Trail. They will continue to do compliance and house watch checks.

Fire: None

EMA: None

Solicitor: B. Fitzgerald advised they are still getting responses back and working on questions from the easement letters that were sent out for the Rushbrook Creek project.

Code Enforcement: Absent

Grants: None

Zoning: B. Chase, no major projects going on in town, just basic zoning permits for decks and fences.

Engineer: Absent

Tax Collector: Absent

Mayor: None

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission: At their meeting, they had discussed R&L, the Traffic increase on Washington, Noise concern at Riverview Winery.

Public Safety: None

Finance: F. Kulick advised that they will meet the following week to discuss the budget.

Shade Tree: None

Grants: None

MS4: None

DPW: 2008 Ford went for an inspection, and we had some items that needed to be addressed.

Recreations: F. Kulick appointed Shannon as the Recreations liaison.

Washington Ave Issues: B. Fitzgerald advised that the constable was not able to deliver the letters. They will continue to pursue this issue.

Comcast Update: F. Kulick announced that Comcast Cable will provide the Borough with a list of the streets that they will be working on to install the underground cables where necessary, and they will also be placing door hangers at the residents with contact information for any concerns. With the lists

provided, the Borough will also post a secondary notice on our Facebook page to try and keep the residents informed.

500 Block of Mellow CT: T. Fuga advised that the KBA has given us the plans to submit for the retention pond on Mellow Court. The plans will be put out for quotes or bids, and we will update once we get everything back.

Dwight Ave Paving: T. Fuga advised that where delayed due to the weather, but the paving should start the following week and be completed.

DPW Building Floor Grant: waiting for the specs to be drawn up from KBA.

Insurance Quote Information: C. Tomaine is still working on getting through the quotes that have been received.

Regional Police Update: F. Kulick wanted to remind that the meeting will be held at the 911 Center on Sept. 26th from either 2-4 or 6-8 about the regionalization, where they are providing information and answering questions.

LSA Grant Resolution 08-2022- Rushbrook Creek Project phase 1: A motion was made by J. Morcom to pass resolution 08-2022 for an LSA Grant for Rushbrook Creek Project phase 1. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion carried

LSA Grant Resolution 09-2022- Woodlands Sewer & Paving Project Phase 2: A motion was made by C. Tomaine to pass resolution 09-2022 for an LSA Grant Woodlands Sewer & Paving Project Phase 2. Seconded by J. Morcom. All in favor, motion carried

Garbage Contract: F. Kulick advised that the garbage contract will be in the paper, and all bids will be read at the October meeting.

New Business: Lackawanna County has sent a letter seeking a letter of support for their “Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program” to help them with the grant process.

A motion was made by K. Napoli to send a letter of support to Lackawanna County to offer our support in investigating the project. Seconded by R. Hunt. All in favor, motion carried

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by K. Napoli. Seconded by J. Morcom. All members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Lee,

Secretary/ Treasurer