

Jermyn Borough  
**Council Minutes**  
February 19, 2026

The Jermyn Borough Council met on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. 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, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following members were present: Bobbi Ann Davis, Frank Kulick, Jeff Morcom, Carl Tomaine, Kevin Napoli, Chris Cook, and Bob Chase. Also, Mayor Stacey Cook and Attorney Brendan Fitzgerald were present. Doug Bowman, KBA, NEIC, Jim Perry, Kate Hope, and Stanley Hallowich were absent.

**Minutes:** J. Morcom made a motion to accept the minutes of 1/15/26 as presented, and seconded by C. Cook. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Checking/Savings	
American Rescue Plan Fund	92,608.08
Capital Reserve - DPW	1,275.21
Capital Reserve - Police	7,129.82
Crime Watch Fund	222.69
General Fund - Community	64,503.42
General Fund - FNB	1,427.14
Holiday Lights Fund	400.59
Investment - General Fund	1,177.32
Investment - Liquid Fuels	25,923.30
Investment - Paving Fund	1,189.57
Investment - Recycling	129.64
Investment - Refuse	185.42
Liquid Fuels - FNB	582.19
Petty Cash	194.00
Recreations Fund	23,533.80
Recycling - Community	10,141.26
Refuse Checking - FNB	85,910.52
Total Checking/Savings	316,533.97
Accounts Payable	
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Long Term Debt	0

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

**Ratified Bills Paid on 2/2/26:** Motion was made to accept bills paid on 2/2/26 by B. Davis. Seconded by J. Morcom. All in favor, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None

**Secretary Report:** S. Lee advised that the DCED audit has been submitted, and the Liquid Fuels audit has been completed. Her next report will be on the use of the LSA grant funds from 2025.

**Public Comment:** Mark Cordelli of Lackawanna County updated the council on the upcoming events they are helping to sponsor. Bob Chase advised that he will be holding a hunter safety course on Sunday, March 22, which will be the first one of the year for the county. You can go to the PA gaming commission website to sign up must be 11 years old or older to sign up for this safety course.

Joanne Wilson, Shade Tree Commission and Events. Wanted to advise the council that they had applied for an America 250 celebration grant of \$1,000.00. They are pleased to advise that they have been awarded the grant, and would like to celebrate in conjunction with their concert in the park event, which they hold every year. They are asking the council to approve the event to be held on July 19, 2026, in conjunction with the concert in the park. Upon approval of the event, it has been suggested that Mayor Cook and Councilwoman Davis be named to head the Jermyn 250 Celebrations, and they will continue to handle the concert in the park event as usual.

Motion was made to hold the American 250 celebration in conjunction with the concert in the park on July 19, 2026, by F. Kulick. Seconded by J. Morcom. All in favor, motion carried.

**Professional Reports:**

**Police:** S. Cook requested the council to approve the hiring of Joseph Zegalia as a part-time officer to the Jermyn police department.

Motion was made to hire Joseph Zegalia as a part-time officer at a pay rate of \$23.00 per hour by K. Napoli. Seconded by J. Morcom. All in favor, motion carried.

The department has been taking its recertification classes. We were also able to get the quotes for a new police vehicle, so that information has been passed off to the grant writer to help submit for a grant, but as we know, that takes time before we will hear back once submitted. At this time, the 2015 has been stripped and is ready to be placed on municibid to be sold.

Motion was made to post the police 2015 SUV on municibid for sale by F. Kulick. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion carried.

**Fire:** Absent

**EMA:** Absent

**Solicitor:** B. Fitzgerald advised that we are down to only two conservation easements, which his office should be receiving the paperwork for within the next couple of days.

**Code Enforcement:** NA

**Grants:** None

**Zoning:** None

**Engineer:** Absent

**Tax Collector:** Absent

**Mayor:** S. Cook wanted to discuss whether fundraising and holding events on behalf of the borough for help with any expenses, such as upgrading equipment, is allowed. As being new to this, I guess I am asking what the do's and don'ts of this process are. The solicitor advised that, as the borough, this would

not be something that is allowed. However, any nonprofit committee can hold an event and donate any or all of the funds to the borough if that is what they wish to do.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning:** None

**Public Safety:** None

**Finance:** None

**Shade Tree:** None

**Grants:** None

**MS4:** None

**DPW:** None

**Recreations:** S. Lee advised that she is working on getting an estimate to have the gym floor refinished again this year. Hopefully, I will have that amount soon to pass along.

**Pathstone partnership:** Council has agreed to participate in the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Shannon will handle signing off on the required time sheets and working directly with the company and the employee.

**PennDOT multimodal transportation fund application- resolution #02-2026:** Motion to pass Resolution 02-2026, A resolution of the governing board of the borough of Jermyn, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, hereby authorizing the submission of a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation multimodal transportation fund grant application for the Jermyn Borough infrastructure improvement project by C. Tomaine. Seconded by K. Napoli. All in favor, motion carried.

**Intermunicipal sewer service agreement:** At this time, the council has agreed to table this agreement until the next meeting.

**Norlack- resolution # 03-2026:** Motion to pass Resolution 03-2026, A resolution of the borough of Jermyn Authorizing the adoption of the 2026 northern Lackawanna Multi-municipal comprehensive plan by C. Cook. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion carried.

**PSAB annual conference:** Motion was made to approve Frank Kulick to attend the Annual PSAB Conference in Hershey, PA, by K. Napoli. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All in favor, motion carried.

**Ongoing learning and commitment to getting more educated:** F. Kulick would like to see committees trying to meet at least once a month. We need to become more proactive.

**March 4 data center workshop:** C. Tomaine advised Penn State Extension is hosting “Data Centers: Land, Water, Energy, and Economics Overview” on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 2:00-4:00 PM at 135 Pike County Blvd. Hawley, PA.

**Website/technology updates:** Looking forward, we would like to look at updating our website to better help communicate with residents and provide more public awareness.

**Work sessions:** We could look at putting these back in place when needed if the committee meetings move forward and become productive.

**Code officer:** Council is still in search of a code enforcement officer. Help spread the word to see if we could get any interest and or applications for the position.

**New business:** None

**Executive Session** Council convened into executive session at 8:28 pm to discuss litigation matters. Council reconvened from executive session at 8:39 pm.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn by J. Morcom. Seconded by C. Tomaine. All members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.



Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Lee, Secretary/ Treasurer