

2020 Ordinances

The following are key points of recently adopted ordinances. The full text of the Ordinances may be examined in their entirety at the Borough Municipal Building upon setting appointment.

Adopted November 19, 2020 / Effective January 1, 2023

Ordinance 2020-09 - Amendment regarding Utility Services and Payment of Utility Bills (Chapter 414 of Borough Code)

- The customer has the duty to notify the Borough if he/she has not received a bill.
- All utility account payments will be applied to the oldest amounts due, regardless of the category (water, sewer, garbage).
- Failure to pay all charges as applicable shall be cause for termination of utility service until payment in full is made of all outstanding charges for utility service in accordance with law. If service is terminated, a reconnection charge for each terminated service shall be paid before the service is restored.
- The Borough opted to begin this new procedure in 2023 in order to provide residents a full two years to bring their past due utility accounts current. All utility categories, including garbage, should be paid up to date and kept current.

Adopted December 10, 2020

Ordinance 2020-08 - Ordinance fixing the tax rates for the fiscal year 2021

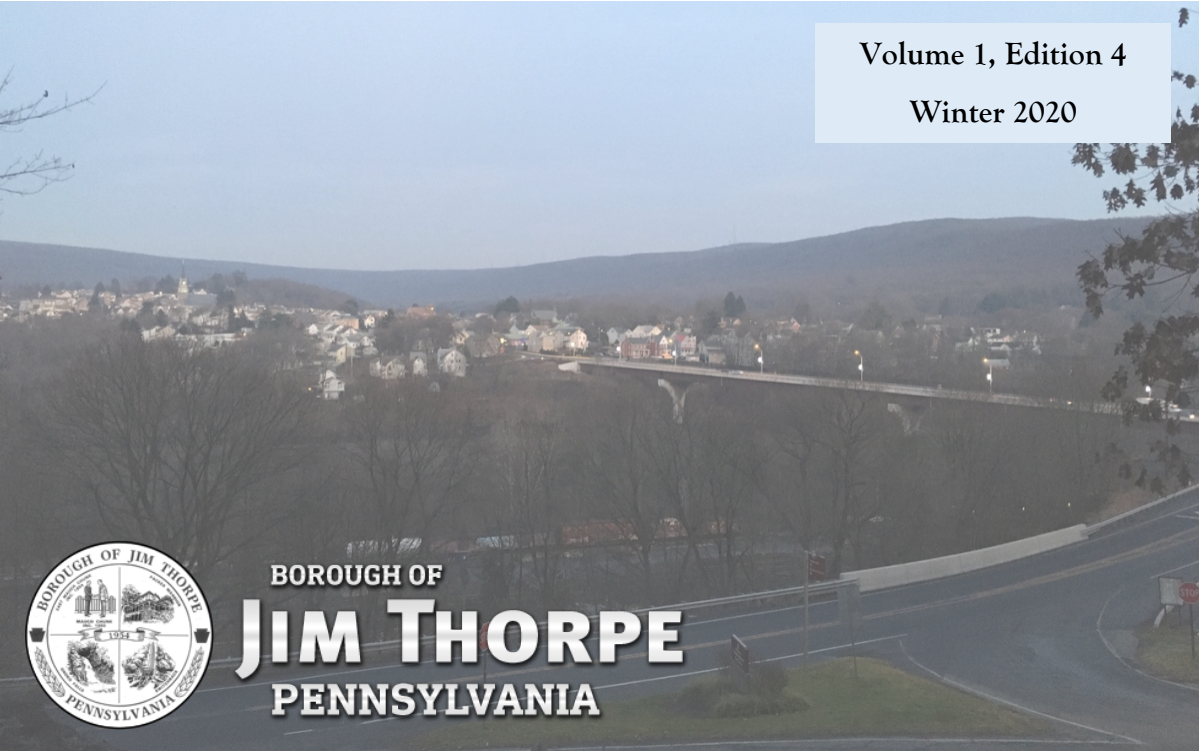
- A tax shall be and the same is hereby levied on all real property and occupations within the borough as follows:
- Tax rate for general Borough purposes in the sum of 15.01 mills on each dollar of assessed value.
- Tax rate for purchases of fire equipment in the sum of 1 mill on each dollar of assessed value.
- A continuation of the ordinance imposing a real estate transfer tax of one percent of the selling price or value to be paid by the transferor on the transfer of real property situate within the Borough.
- A reenactment of the per capita tax ordinance imposing a per capita tax of \$5.00 on each and every resident and inhabitant of the Borough 18 years of age or over.

Christmas in the Memorial Park

There will not be a tree lighting ceremony, however, the Memorial Park is decorated for residents to enjoy. Throughout December, residents, children, and families are encouraged to make or buy ornaments for the tree in the park. You may place them on the tree at your own convenience.

COVID-19 Update

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Jim Thorpe Borough continues to monitor and re-evaluate our operations moving forward. Of the many changes, Borough Hall and Police Service Window have transitioned to a “By Appointment Only” operation. The offices are closed to the public. If you need to make an appointment, please call the appropriate department. The Borough will remain staffed and employees will continue working.



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Welcome:

This is the fourth newsletter publication designed to provide information on various matters throughout the borough. We hope this publication finds you well. Please enjoy and take advantage of the Borough of Jim Thorpe Newsletter.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday,
Connor Rodgers, Junior Council Person

Upcoming Meeting Dates (Memorial Hall, 6:30 PM)

- End of the Year Meeting - December 30, 2020
- Borough Council Workshop - January 7, 2021
- Borough Council Regular Meeting - January 14, 2021

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Message from Public Service

Hello, I hope everyone is staying safe. I wanted to pass along a few things to let you know what your public works departments have been doing.

In the streets department this past year, we have been concentrating on stormwater management and repairs, as well as blacktopping streets. While the pandemic shortened our projects, we did manage to pave four streets and repair and patch sixteen other streets. We also repaired numerous catch basins and did storm pipe repairs. An upcoming street repaving list will be put out in the future.

The sewer department had a major plant renovation project completed as well as numerous main and manhole repairs done. Hopefully in the spring, if the pandemic eases, they will continue with our smoke testing program to eliminate infiltration and inflow in the collector system.

The borough water department has replaced 500 feet of main on Eight Street between North Street and Center Street, as well as the services. We have also awarded a contract to Pioneer Construction for the replacement of over 2000 feet of main and services in Church Alley and Center Avenue in the heights section of the west side of town at a cost of \$681,000. Also, in water, we received a Small Water and Sewer Grant to replace the water main and services on School Street from Front Street to Sixth Street. This work will be done by borough personnel.

Lastly, with winter upon us, residents are reminded to pay attention to the snow ordinance and also not to deposit snow back onto the borough streets. Your cooperation in the past has greatly helped us to keep our streets clean and safe for all.

I want to wish all a happy and safe holiday season.
Vince Yaich, Public Service Manager

Notice:

The Borough Council has one (1) member vacancy. This vacancy is for a seat with a term to expire on the first Monday in January 2022. Borough Council is requesting that anyone interested in serving this position submit a letter of interest (email is acceptable). Such letter of interest should include any experience you believe would be beneficial for this position. All letters of interest are due no later than 10:00 am on December 30, 2020.

Winter Reminders

The following is a brief summary, not in entirety, of the currently adopted ordinance regarding Snow and Ice Removal per Ordinance 1985-03 (Article 3 in Chapter 383 of Borough Code).

Responsibility for removal of snow and ice from sidewalks

- Every person in charge or control of the building or lot of land fronting or abutting on a sidewalk, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, shall remove and clear away or cause to be removed or cleared away, snow and/or ice from a path of at least 30 inches in width from so much of said sidewalk as is in front of or abuts on said building or lot of land.

Depositing of snow and ice restricted

- No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any snow or ice on or immediately next to a fire hydrant or on any sidewalk, roadway, or loading and unloading areas of a public transportation system, except that snow and ice may be mounded by the Borough of Jim Thorpe on public cartways incident to the cleaning thereof or mounded on curbs incident to the clearing of sidewalks in business districts.

Parking restricted during heavy snow event (Amended 11-12-2015 by Ord. No. 2015-5)

- Whenever two or more inches of snow falls, or when an appreciable amount of snow is predicted by radio, press or television, it shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle or to allow that motor vehicle to remain parked on the even-numbered side of the streets and rights-of-way during even-numbered years. Further, whenever two or more inches of snow falls or when an appreciable amount of snow is predicted by radio, press or television, it shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle or to allow that motor vehicle to remain parked on the odd-numbered sides of the streets and rights-of-way during odd-numbered years.

2021 Budget Summary

The 2021 budget was adopted on December 10, 2020. The following is a brief summary of the budgets for each fund.

• General Fund	\$3,032,566.00
• Sewer Capital Reserve Fund.....	\$2,087,115.00
• Water Fund.....	\$1,897,299.00
• Sewer Fund.....	\$1,665,884.00
• Sanitation Capital Reserve Fund.....	\$965,691.00
• Sanitation Fund.....	\$856,036.00
• Water Capital Reserve Fund.....	\$606,323.00
• Liquid Fuels.....	\$326,875.00
• General Capital Reserve Fund.....	\$178,887.00

The 2021 Budget totals \$11,616,676.00