

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – MARCH 9, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00pm - Mayor LaMantia called the meeting to order and announced that the same is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of the Act have been met. Any contracts awarded tonight or between tonight and the next meeting require the contractor to comply with P.L. 1975. Also announced, in the event of a fire and pursuant to the N.J. Uniform Fire Code, members of the audience were requested to take notice of the exits at the front and rear of the Council Chambers as well as in the main hallway.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor LaMantia

ROLL CALL: Those Present: Mayor LaMantia
Council President Kostbar
Council member Carpenter
Council member Jennings
Council member Longo
Council member Maloney
Attorney Raffetto
Engineer Dittenhofer

Those Absent: Council member Morales
Denise Jawidzik, Business Administrator

CONSENT AGENDA DEFINED:

ALL MATTERS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S CONSENT AGENDA ARE TO BE CONSIDERED AS ONE VOTE BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED BELOW. ANY RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA WITH ** NEXT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE NUMBER ARE TO BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. THERE WILL BE NO DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY

Resolution #108-03-09-05 was removed while the remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved on the following vote:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARPENTER			X			
JENNINGS		X	X			
KOSTBAR	X		X			
LONGO			X			
MALONEY			X			
MORALES						X
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #100-03-09-05**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES BE AND ARE HEREBY ACCEPTED AND FILED:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
February 23, 2005

RESOLUTION #101-03-09-05**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE FOLLOWING REPORTS BE AND ARE HEREBY RECEIVED AND FILED:

Finance Officer
Chief of Police

January 2005
January 2005

RESOLUTION #102-03-09-05**

AUTHORIZE SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, THE SEWER ADMINISTRATOR HAS DETERMINED THAT A CERTAIN SEWER ACCOUNT WAS BILLED UNDER INACCURATE RATES; AND

WHEREAS, THE SEWER ADMINISTRATOR HAS REQUESTED THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO PASS A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT TO THE ACCOUNTS BY THE UTILIZATION OF APPROPRIATE RATE:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE SEWER ADMINISTRATOR BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ADJUST THE ACCOUNTS SPECIFIED ON THE ATTACHED LETTER OF REQUEST, AS DETAILED.

RESOLUTION #103-03-09-05**

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FULL AND FAIR FUNDING IN THE TEA-21 REAUTHORIZATION.

WHEREAS, NEW JERSEY CONTINUES TO RANK DEAD LAST IN THE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS THAT ARE RETURNED TO THEIR STATE OF ORIGIN; AND FOR EVERY DOLLAR THAT NEW JERSEY CITIZENS SEND TO WASHINGTON, ONLY 65 CENTS WORTH OF FEDERAL SERVICES COME BACK; AND

WHEREAS, THIS INJUSTICE HAS LONG BEEN A PROBLEM, THOUGH WHEN OUR ECONOMY WAS STRONG, WE WERE BETTER ABLE TO BEAR IT; BUT NOW, THE ECONOMIC SITUATION HAS INTENSIFIED THIS PROBLEM FOR OUR STATE AND ITS MUNICIPALITIES; AND

WHEREAS, INVESTMENTS IN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH WOULD HELP TO REVITALIZE OUR ECONOMY, HAVE BEEN INDEFINITELY DEFERRED; CRUCIAL POSITIONS, WHICH COULD BE FILLED FROM THE RANKS OF OUR UNEMPLOYED, ARE LEFT VACANT; AND ESSENTIAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUNDING FROM STATE GOVERNMENT REMAINS FLAT; AND

WHEREAS, AS A RESULT, OUR HISTORIC AND UNEQUALED OVER-DEPENDENCE ON REGRESSIVE PROPERTY TAXES GROWS MORE AND MORE SEVERE; AND

WHEREAS, ON PRIORITY OF CONGRESS, AS IT FASHIONS THE SHAPE OF TEA-21 REAUTHORIZATION, SHOULD BE TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION THAT IS COSTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN LOST PRODUCTIVITY IN MANY OF THE NATION'S URBAN REGIONS; AND

WHEREAS, EVEN THOUGH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OWN AND OPERATE ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF THE NATION'S 4 MILLION MILE HIGHWAY AND ROADWAY NETWORK, ABOUT 300,000 BRIDGES AND 90 PERCENT OF THE NATION'S MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS; YET WHEN IT COMES TIME TO MAKE CRUCIAL TRANSPORTATION DECISIONS, LOCAL OFFICIALS HAVE CONTROL OF ONLY 6 CENTS OF EVERY TAX DOLLAR IN FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION SPENDING; WHILE STATE DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION HAVE NEARLY COMPLETE AUTONOMY OVER TRANSPORTATION SPENDING DECISIONS.

WHEREAS, IN NEW JERSEY, MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS 25,382 MILES OF NEW JERSEY'S TOTAL 36,175 MILES, 70% OF OUR STATE'S ROADS:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CALLS ON CONGRESS TO SUPPORT FULL AND FAIR FUNDING FOR TEA-21 REAUTHORIZATION; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT WE DO ASK OUR DELEGATION TO WORK TOWARDS GIVING LOCAL OFFICIALS DIRECT ACCESS TO AND FLEXIBILITY IN THE USE OF FEDERAL DOLLARS COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO POLICE AND MAINTAIN ROADS, BRIDGES, TRANSIT FACILITIES AND TRANSIT EQUIPMENT; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG RECOGNIZES THE NATIONAL IMPERATIVE FOR A PREDICTABLE LONG-TERM TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION, WHICH IS ADEQUATELY FUNDED FOR THE MOBILITY AND SAFETY NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE, AND SUPPORTS THE FUNDING LEVEL OF \$318 BILLION OVER SIX YEARS AS SET FORTH BY THE SENATE IN S.1072 DURING THE 108TH CONGRESS; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT AUTHENTIC COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES, CONGRESSMAN RUSH HOLT, SENATORS CORZINE AND LAUTENBERG, AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

RESOLUTION #104-03-09-05**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF S-1990 AND A-2432, AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL FINES FOR OVERCROWDING IN DWELLINGS CONTAINING FOUR OR FEWER UNITS

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF MUNICIPALITIES THAT HAS BEEN STRUGGLING TO ELIMINATE HOUSING OVERCROWDING; AND

WHEREAS, OVERCROWDING CREATES UNSAFE AND UNHEALTHY LIVING CONDITIONS AND PLACES A STRAIN ON MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND SCHOOLS; AND

WHEREAS, THE PROBLEM IS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT IN SMALLER DWELLINGS CONTAINING FOUR OR FEWER UNITS THAT ARE FREQUENTLY CONVERTED INTO ILLEGAL ROOMING HOUSES, WHICH ARE SO PROFITABLE THAT ANY PENALTIES IMPOSED ARE MERELY CONSIDERED A COST OF DOING BUSINESS; AND

WHEREAS, BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION, S1990 AND A2432, NOW STAND AT 2ND READING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOUSES AND AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALITIES TO ADOPT ORDINANCES IMPOSING PENALTIES AS HIGH AS \$10,000 FOR REPEATED OVERCROWDING VIOLATIONS WHICH THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL BELIEVE WILL HELP DETER SUCH ILLEGAL OVERCROWDING;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT OF S-1990 AND A-2432, AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL FINES FOR OVERCROWDING IN DWELLINGS CONTAINING FOUR OR FEWER UNITS;
2. A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO ACTING GOVERNOR AND SENATE PRESIDENT CODEY, SENATOR ANTHONY BUCCO, SENATOR NIA GILL, ASSEMBLYMAN WILFREDO CARABALLO, ASSEMBLYMAN ERIC MUNOZ, SENATOR PETER INVERSO, ASSEMBLYMAN BILL BARONI, ASSEMBLYWOMAN LINDA GREENSTEIN, AND THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES.

RESOLUTION #105-03-09-05**

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE FY 2004 HOMELAND SECURITY PASS THROUGH GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL, THAT JAMESBURG HAS BEEN AWARDED A HOMELAND SECURITY PASS THROUGH GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00; AND

WHEREAS, THE GRANT FUNDS ARE TO BE UTILIZED FOR PROTECTIVE SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND

WHEREAS, COUNTY COUNSEL HAS FORWARDED A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AND THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX THAT MUST BE EXECUTED BY BOTH PARTIES;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE, AND THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ATTEST THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AND THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX FOR A HOMELAND SECURITY PASS THROUGH GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00.

RESOLUTION #106-03-09-05**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE APPLICATIONS FOR RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT.

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR HAS RECOMMENDED APPLYING FOR A RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,400.00; AND

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HAVE CONSIDERED THIS RECOMMENDATION:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE BOROUGH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY APPLICATION(S) FOR A RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AND THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ATTEST THE APPLICATIONS AND ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT.

RESOLUTION #107-03-09-05**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG APPROVING PAYMENT CERTIFICATE #1 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF BALLFIELD LIGHTING AT THE AUGUSTA STREET RECREATION FACILITY.

WHEREAS, THE CONTRACTOR, LUCAS ELECTRIC CO., INC. HAS SUBMITTED AS-BUILT QUANTITIES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF BALL FIELD LIGHTING AT THE AUGUSTA STREET RECREATION FACILITY; AND

WHEREAS, THE ENGINEER HAS REVIEWED SAID QUANTITIES AND IS IN AGREEMENT WITH SAME; AND

WHEREAS, THE ENGINEER RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF PAYMENT CERTIFICATE #1, DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2005, IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS AND ONE CENT (\$8,820.01).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT PAYMENT CERTIFICATE #1 DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2005, IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS AND ONE CENT (\$8,820.01) IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT TO LUCAS ELECTRIC CO., INC.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION #108-03-09-05**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, FIXING SALARIES FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HAS ESTABLISHED SALARY RANGES FOR VARIOUS EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO FIX THE SALARIES FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES, WITHIN APPROPRIATE RANGES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT THE FOLLOWING SALARIES BE AND ARE HEREBY FIXED FOR THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG FOR THE YEAR 2005, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005 OR AS OTHERWISE NOTED.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>PAYABLE</u>
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR Denise Jawidzik	\$10,999	PER ANNUM

BOROUGH CLERK Gretchen McCarthy	\$56,319	PER ANNUM
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER Denise Jawidzik	\$66,289	PER ANNUM
PURCHASING OFFICIAL Denise Jawidzik	\$2,298	PER ANNUM
TAX ASSESSOR Edward Heindel	\$28,248	PER ANNUM
TAX COLLECTOR Denise Jawidzik	\$11,953	PER ANNUM
REGISTRAR Gretchen McCarthy	\$11,493	PER ANNUM

Council member Maloney inquired whether the percentage increase was negotiated. Council member Jennings stated that these positions are covered by statute. Attorney Raffetto read the statute. Council further discussed the percentage increase.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARPENTER			X			
JENNINGS	X		X			
KOSTBAR		X	X			
LONGO			X			
MALONEY				X		
MORALES						X
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTION #109-03-09-05

APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

WHEREAS, THE CHIEF MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER HAS CERTIFIED AND SUBMITTED A CONSOLIDATED BILL LIST FOR THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS; AND

WHEREAS, ALL VOUCHERS LISTED HERewith HAVE BEEN ENCUMBERED AND SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THE REQUIRED SIGNATURES OF THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OR COMMITTEE CHAIR, THE FINANCE CHAIRPERSON, THE VENDOR, AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER , HAVE ALL BEEN OBTAINED ON EACH VOUCHER PRESENTED ON THE ATTACHED LIST.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, THAT THE VOUCHER LIST SUBMITTED IS HEREBY APPROVED FOR PAYMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$583,069.07.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARPENTER			X			
JENNINGS			X			
KOSTBAR	X		X			
LONGO		X	X			
MALONEY			X			
MORALES						X
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTION #110-03-09-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO READ THE PROPOSED 2005 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY TITLE AT TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, THE JAMESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL HAS DETERMINED THAT THE FOLLOWING HAS OCCURRED:

1. AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2005 MUNICIPAL BUDGET, A COMPLETE COPY OF THE FULL BUDGET HAS BEEN POSTED IN A PUBLIC PLACE WHERE PUBLIC NOTICES ARE CUSTOMARILY POSTED RELATING TO JAMESBURG BOROUGH MATTERS (THE JAMESBURG BOROUGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING); AND
2. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE FULL BUDGET HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO EACH PERSON REQUESTING THE SAME DURING THAT TIME PERIOD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE 2005 MUNICIPAL BUDGET MAY BE READ BY TITLE (ONLY) PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 AT THE PUBLIC HEARING OF MARCH 23, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- a. DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
- b. EUGENE FARRELL, BOROUGH AUDITOR
- c. DENISE JAWIDZIK, BOROUGH CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
- d. FREDERICK C. RAFFETTO, ESQ., BOROUGH ATTORNEY

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARPENTER	X		X			
JENNINGS			X			
KOSTBAR		X	X			
LONGO			X			
MALONEY			X			
MORALES						X
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTION #111-03-09-05

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO ENDORSE THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLOCATE THE 2005-2006 GRANT

WHEREAS, IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO USE THE C.D.B.G. GRANT FOR BOROUGH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REQUIRES THE GOVERNING BODY TO DECLARE, BY RESOLUTION, HOW THE GRANT MONIES, ARE TO BE UTILIZED; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 9, 2005 TO DISCUSS THE USE OF SAID GRANT; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED USING THIS YEAR'S GRANT MONIES FOR VARIOUS SEWER SYSTEM UPGRADES AND REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,700.00 AND CODE ENFORCEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE 2005-2006 C.D.B.G. GRANT BE ALLOCATED FOR VARIOUS SEWER SYSTEM UPGRADES AND REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,700.00 AND CODE ENFORCEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500.00.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARPENTER			X			
JENNINGS	X		X			
KOSTBAR			X			
LONGO		X	X			
MALONEY			X			
MORALES						X
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND PARKS COMMITTEE & HOLIDAY EVENTS COMMITTEE

Council member Carpenter reported on the status of the Borough Hall roof. The Buckelew House has received a grant for \$14,000 for the installation of a handicapped bathroom. The Historical Association is preparing a list of items in need of repair at the Buckelew House for Council member Carpenter to forward to Middlesex County for a possible Open Space Historical Grant. On April 2 at 8:30am, the Sisters in Crime will be holding a symposium at the Senior Center, with author Andrea Payne.

PERSONNEL & NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Council member Jennings reported that the Personnel Committee is still in negotiations with the Chief of Police for his contract. Also reported as liaison to the Middlesex County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the recycling contract was awarded to Waste Management for a nominal increase from the previous contract.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Police Commissioner Kostbar reported that the Speed Alert is in the process of being repaired and Helmetta has reported that they are very pleased with the Midnight shift Police coverage.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Council member Longo reported that on Board of Education events and also reported on items included in the Board's budget that is anticipating a 10-cent increase in the school tax rate. The tuition to Monroe for High School students is \$13,139. Council member Longo also reported that the Chamber of Commerce membership is at 66+ members and is growing. The Little Wonders day school will be sponsoring a CPR and First Aid course. Council member Longo also announced that the Jamesburg High School Alumni Association will be holding their Alumni dinner where soccer team members will be honored. Coach Matteo is researching the records from those teams.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Council member Maloney reported that he continues to have difficulty contacting Comcast cable. Also reported that he will be attending a meeting regarding the Lake Manalapan Watershed on April 6.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council member Morales was absent but Mayor LaMantia reported for Council member Morales that the Fire Department and First Aid are applying for Federal grant funding for equipment.

Engineer Dittenhofer reported that the completion of the Franklin Street, Warren Street, and Stevens Avenue project has been delayed due to the weather and will resume as soon as possible when the weather permits. Also reported that the contractor has been issued a notice to proceed for the Front Street curb and sidewalk project.

Mayor LaMantia reported that the Human Relations Committee will be meeting on March 14 at 7:30 at the Borough Hall. The Jamesburg Civic Association will be sponsoring a storyteller at the JFK School on March 11. The Mayor will be attending a New Jersey Transit meeting on March 22 in Freehold. The design concepts for the traffic signal at Lincoln Avenue, Gatzmer Avenue, West Railroad Avenue and East Railroad Avenue were reviewed by the Mayor, Engineer Dittenhofer, Council member Longo and representatives of the County Freeholders.

Members of the public wishing to address the Mayor and Borough Council must approach the podium and state their name and address for the record. There is a five (5) minute time limit for all comments and questions.

MOTION TO OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

PROPOSED BY: Longo

SECONDED BY: Carpenter

ALL IN FAVOR: Carpenter, Jennings, Kostbar, Longo, Maloney.

ABSENT: Morales.

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Daria Ludas, 38 Ridgeview Road

- Is a member of the Sister in Crime. Wanted to inform Council of the event slated at the Senior Center on April 2, which is entitled "Hamlet hosts mystery writers".

John Milliken – 62 West Railroad Avenue

- Spoke regarding the curb and sidewalk project slated for Front Street
- Also stated that the project will be wasted money if not protected from the trucks that do business at the block company.
- Feels the trucks are damaging the existing curbs.

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

PROPOSED BY: Kostbar
SECONDED BY: Longo
ALL IN FAVOR: Carpenter, Jennings, Kostbar, Longo, Maloney.
ABSENT: Morales.
None Opposed, None Abstaining

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

PROPOSED BY:
SECONDED BY:
ALL IN FAVOR: Carpenter, Jennings, Kostbar, Longo, Maloney.
ABSENT: Morales.
None Opposed, None Abstaining

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:29 pm