

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – MAY 25, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 PM - 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. 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 member Jennings
Council member Longo
Council member Maloney
Council member Morales
Attorney Raffetto

Those Absent: Council President Kostbar
Council member Carpenter
Engineer Dittenhofer
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

The whole of the Consent Agenda was approved on the following vote:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #155-05-25-05**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

May 11, 2005

RESOLUTION #156-05-25-05**

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:

Bond Anticipation Note Sale	May 5, 2005
Tax Collector	April 2005
Sewer Administrator	April 2005
Police Chief	April 2005

RESOLUTION #157-05-25-05**

AUTHORIZE REFUND OF SEWER OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, TWO (2) OVERPAYMENTS OF SEWER, HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE SEWER ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS AND NINETY THREE CENTS (\$542.93); AND

WHEREAS, THESE PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO THE SEWER ADMINISTRATOR AS OVERPAYMENTS;

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 ISSUE CHECKS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS AND NINETY-THREE CENTS (\$542.93) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CERTIFICATIONS ATTACHED HERETO.

RESOLUTION #158-05-25-05**

APPROVE JUNK YARD LICENSE

WHEREAS, AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY RED AND BLACK AUTO, INC. FOR A JUNK YARD LICENSE; AND

WHEREAS, THE CLERK'S OFFICE IS IN RECEIPT OF THE APPROPRIATE FEES FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED LICENSE:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT A JUNK YARD LICENSE BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED IN THE NAME OF RED AND BLACK AUTO, INC. FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006.

RESOLUTION #159-05-25-05**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE *CLICK IT OR TICKET* MOBILIZATION OF MAY 23-JUNE 5, 2005.

WHEREAS, THERE WERE 42,643 MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITIES IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2003, AND 747 MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITIES IN NEW JERSEY IN 2003; AND

WHEREAS, MORE THAN HALF OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE OCCUPANTS KILLED IN TRAFFIC CRASHES WERE NOT WEARING A SAFETY BELT; AND

WHEREAS, USE OF A SAFETY BELT REMAINS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO AVOID DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY IN A MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH; AND

WHEREAS, THE DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ESTIMATES THAT MORE THAN 2,000 LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED BY SAFETY BELT USE IN NEW JERSEY SINCE 1985; AND

WHEREAS, THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONWIDE *CLICK IT OR TICKET* SAFETY BELT MOBILIZATION FROM MAY 23 – JUNE 5, 2005 IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS AND INCREASE SAFETY BELT USAGE THROUGH A COMBINATION OF ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION; AND

WHEREAS, THE DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY HAS SET A GOAL OF INCREASING THE SAFETY BELT USAGE RATE IN THE STATE FROM THE CURRENT LEVEL OF 82% TO 84%; AND

WHEREAS, A FURTHER INCREASE IN SAFETY BELT USAGE IN NEW JERSEY WILL SAVE LIVES ON OUR ROADWAYS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG DECLARE IT'S SUPPORT FOR THE *CLICK IT OR TICKET* SAFETY BELT MOBILIZATION BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY FROM MAY 23 – JUNE 5, 2005 AND PLEDGES TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE MOBILIZATION AND THE BENEFITS OF SAFETY BELT USAGE.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION #160-05-25-05

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ACTING COURT ADMINISTRATOR

I, MAYOR ANTHONY LAMANTIA, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL, DO HEREBY APPOINT SHARRON McDERMOTT AS ACTING COURT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 2005 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2005.

Council member Jennings reported that this would ensure a smooth transition upon the retirement of Carole Butewicz, the current Court Administrator.

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

RESOLUTION #161-05-25-05

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PART-TIME DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR

I, MAYOR ANTHONY LAMANTIA, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL, DO HEREBY APPOINT ROSEMARY LOPES TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR, AT THE HOURLY RATE OF ELEVEN DOLLARS (\$11.00) WHICH SHALL INCREASE UPON A FAVORABLE 30 DAY REVIEW TO TWELVE DOLLARS (\$12.00) PER HOUR. THIS APPOINTMENT IS EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2005 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2005 OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS DULY APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED ALTHOUGH A NINETY (90) DAY PROBATIONARY PERIOD IS IN EFFECT AS REQUIRED BY THE BOROUGH PERSONNEL POLICY.

Council member Jennings reported that many applications were received for this position and Ms. Lopes is bi-lingual and computer literate, making her the choice candidate.

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

RESOLUTION #162-05-25-05

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PART-TIME POLICE SECRETARY

I, MAYOR ANTHONY LAMANTIA, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL, DO HEREBY APPOINT CYNTHIA L. GRZYBEK TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF POLICE SECRETARY, AT THE HOURLY RATE OF ELEVEN DOLLARS (\$11.00) WHICH SHALL INCREASE UPON A FAVORABLE 30 DAY REVIEW TO TWELVE DOLLARS (\$12.00) PER HOUR. THIS APPOINTMENT IS EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2005 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2005 OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS DULY APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED ALTHOUGH A NINETY (90) DAY PROBATIONARY PERIOD IS IN EFFECT AS REQUIRED BY THE BOROUGH PERSONNEL POLICY.

Council member Jennings reported that this applicant is extremely qualified and is experienced in court stenography.

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

RESOLUTION #163-05-25-05

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 \$43,198.50.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND PARKS COMMITTEE & HOLIDAY EVENTS COMMITTEE
Council member Carpenter was absent.

PERSONNEL & NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE
Council member Jennings reported that the committee is working on the transitions with the new hires.

POLICE COMMITTEE
Police Commissioner Kostbar was absent.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Council member Longo had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Council member Maloney stated that the League is holding a summit regarding the Verizon franchise for video conferencing, but he is unable to attend. Mayor LaMantia stated he will be attending.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Council member Morales reported that the committee met on May 23, where federal grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the three emergency services was discussed. Traffic control for the 4th of July was also discussed. On May 31, and June 1, the railroad crossing on Gatzmer Avenue will be closed for pavement repair.

Mayor LaMantia reported on a meeting he will be attending a meeting with Middlesex County representatives on June 2, regarding the concepts for the traffic signal at the Gatzmer Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, West Railroad Avenue and Half Acre Road intersection. The Mayor also reported that the Borough has received an award from Keep Middlesex Moving for the Borough's participation in their programs. Jamesburg was also requested to participate in the "Safe Route to School" program the organization is undertaking.

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: Morales

SECONDED BY: Longo

ALL IN FAVOR: Jennings, Longo, Maloney, Morales.

ABSENT: Carpenter, Kostbar

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Martin – 6 Hilltop Court

- Inquired about the Borough's ordinance pertaining to the use of cell phones while driving.

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

PROPOSED BY: Jennings

SECONDED BY: Morales

ALL IN FAVOR: Jennings, Longo, Maloney, Morales.

ABSENT: Carpenter, Kostbar.

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

PROPOSED BY: Maloney

SECONDED BY: Jennings

ALL IN FAVOR: Jennings, Longo, Maloney, Morales.

ABSENT: Carpenter, Kostbar.

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:

7:18 pm