

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – MARCH 8, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00pm - Mayor Anthony LaMantia called the meeting to order and announced that same is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met. Any contracts awarded tonight require the contractor to comply with N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et.seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27. Also announced, in the event of a fire and pursuant to the N.J. Uniform Fire Code, the 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 Jennings
Council member Carpenter
Council member Longo
Council member Maloney
Council member Morales
Attorney Raffetto
Engineer Cline for Engineer Dittenhofer
Denise Jawidzik, Business Administrator

Those Absent: Council member Kostbar

Mayor LaMantia and Police Commissioner Jennings presented Chief Lester with a plaque of appreciation for his 25 years of service to the Borough of Jamesburg and its citizenry. Council members each congratulated the Chief on his retirement.

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		X			
KOSTBAR						X
LONGO			X			
MALONEY			X			
MORALES		X	X			
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #108-03-08-06**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
February 22, 2006

MAYOR AND COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
February 22, 2006

RESOLUTION #109-03-08-06**

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:

Tax Collector	February 2006
Sewer Administrator	February 2006
Finance Officer	February 2006
Investment Report	January 2006
Investment Report	February 2006
Delivery of Budget to Library	February 23, 2006

RESOLUTION #110-03-08-06**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG

WHEREAS, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HAS SUBMITTED AN INVESTMENT POLICY, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE ATTACHED INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG BE ACCEPTED AND FILED.

RESOLUTION #111-03-08-06**

APPROVE NEWSRACK LICENSES

WHEREAS, AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE HOME NEWS TRIBUNE FOR FOUR(4) NEWSRACK LICENSES; AND

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT LICENSES #NL-01-06, #NL-02-06, #NL-03-06, AND #NL-04-06 BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED IN THE NAME OF THE HOME NEWS TRIBUNE.

RESOLUTION #112-03-08-06**

AUTHORIZE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES, HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE TAX COLLECTORS OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$2,340.00); AND

WHEREAS, THIS PAYMENT HAS BEEN PROVEN TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AS AN OVERPAYMENT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE TAX COLLECTOR BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$2,340.00), TO LAND AMERICA TAX SERVICE FOR BLOCK 69, LOT 1.02, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CERTIFICATIONS ATTACHED HERETO.

RESOLUTION #113-03-08-06**

AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, VARIOUS 2005 BILLS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT THIS YEAR, WHICH BILLS WERE NOT COVERED BY ORDER NUMBER AND/OR RECORDED AT THE TIME OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN THE 2005 BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF 2005; AND

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-59 PROVIDES THAT ALL UNEXPENDED BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR ARE AVAILABLE UNTIL LAPSED AT THE CLOSE OF THE SUCCEEDING YEAR, TO MEET SPECIFIC CLAIMS, COMMITMENTS OR CONTRACTS INCURRED DURING THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, AND ALLOW TRANSFERS TO BE MADE FROM UNEXPENDED BALANCES WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE INSUFFICIENT DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE SUCCEEDING YEAR:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00 BE MADE BETWEEN THE 2005 BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVES AS FOLLOWS:

FROM:	TO:
RECREATION O/E \$3,000.00	LOSAP O/E \$3,000.00

RESOLUTION #114-03-08-06**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO READ THE PROPOSED 2006 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 2006 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 2006 MUNICIPAL BUDGET MAY BE READ BY TITLE (ONLY) PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 AT THE PUBLIC HEARING OF MARCH 22, 2006.

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

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION #115-03-08-06

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR STORM SEWER DRAIN REPAIR PROJECT

WHEREAS, THERE DOES EXIST A NEED TO REPAIR THE STORM SEWER DRAINS ON PROSPECT STREET WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG;

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR HAS SOUGHT AND RECEIVED QUOTES FOR SAID PROJECT; AND

WHEREAS, F & P CONTRACTORS, INC. HAS SUPPLIED THE LOWEST QUOTE OF TWENTY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$23,000.00);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROSPECT STREET STORM SEWER DRAIN REPAIR IS AWARDED TO F & P CONTRACTORS, INC.

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

RESOLUTION #116-03-08-06

RESOLUTION RESCINDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AND DENNIS KOWAL, ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG APPLIED FOR AND WAS AWARDED A GRANT SPECIFICALLY FOR AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE AT THE BUCKELEW MANSION; AND

WHEREAS, THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT REQUIRES ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF A BARRIER FREE BATHROOM AND ACCESS RAMP; AND

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE NATURE OF THE AWARDED GRANT IS FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS ONLY; AND

WHEREAS, IN OCTOBER, 2005, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ADOPTED RESOLUTION #243-10-12-05, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE A.D.A. COMPLIANT BATHROOM AND RAMP PROJECT TO DENNIS KOWAL, ARCHITECT; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION WILL COVER THE COSTS OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AND THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG WILL COVER THE ENGINEERING COSTS FOR THIS PROJECT; AND

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

1. THAT RESOLUTION #243-10-12-05, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AND DENNIS KOWAL, ARCHITECT, IS HEREBY RESCINDED.
2. THAT THE JAMESBURG HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL COSTS AND THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENGINEERING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF AN AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANT BATHROOM AND RAMP AT THE BUCKELEW MANSION.
5. THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - a. DENNIS KOWAL, ARCHITECT
 - b. JAMESBURG HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
 - c. REMINGTON, VERNICK, AND VENA ENGINEERS
 - d. FREDERICK C. RAFFETTO, ESQ., BOROUGH ATTORNEY.
 - e. DENISE JAWIDZIK, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

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

RESOLUTION #117-03-08-06

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 \$694,676.01

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

RESOLUTION #118-03-08-06

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AND POLICE CHIEF DAVID LESTER HAVE ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WHEREBY THE CHIEF OF POLICE WILL BE RETIRING ON JANUARY 1, 2007; AND

WHEREAS, UNDER THE TERMS OF THAT AGREEMENT, POLICE CHIEF DAVID LESTER IS GRANTED TERMINAL LEAVE, EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2006, IN ORDER TO UTILIZE ANY ACCRUED SICK AND VACATION TIME; AND

WHEREAS, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COUNCILMATIC POLICE COMMITTEE, POLICE CHIEF DAVID LESTER HAS EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION FOR AN ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE TO BE LIEUTENANT PAUL KARKOSKA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL, OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2006, LIEUTENANT PAUL KARKOSKA SHALL SERVE AS ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE DURING THE TERMINAL LEAVE OF CHIEF DAVID LESTER.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Council member Carpenter gave report on Board of Education events.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Police Commissioner Jennings reported that the Police Committee met prior to this Council meeting. Recently approved purchases, available through grant funding, are on order and the department awaits delivery.

FINANCE AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE

Council member Kostbar was absent.

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE & HOLIDAY EVENTS COMMITTEE

Council member Longo congratulated Lt. Karkoska on his appointment as acting Police Chief. At a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting, it was decided that the Jamesburg Civic Association would be taking over the details of the Town Wide Yard Sale that is held in the spring and again in autumn. The local Democratic Organization will be holding a fund-raiser dinner for the Borough's food pantry.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND PARKS COMMITTEE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Council member Maloney reported that the contact person for Verizon is on vacation until the ensuing week. Comcast Cable is starting new family programming, starting March 30, at an additional monthly cost of \$14.95 and requires a digital converter, carrying only family friendly channels. Under Buildings and Grounds matters, a tour of the Borough Hall was conducted on February 23. A number of issues need immediate action or have already been addressed. Still needing attention – the holly tree at the front of the building needs to be removed as it drops its berries on the handicapped ramp, causing a safety issue; some drywall in the basement needs replacing due to flood damage; and although not priority, the entire building needs painting. On March 2nd, a meeting was held with the Historical Association regarding the handicapped bathroom construction. Under the terms of the grant received, the work must be completed by June 30th and the grant does not cover professional services, such as engineering. The Resolution on this evening's agenda addressed issues discussed and agreed upon at the March 2nd meeting. Currently the Historical Association is seeking a donation of a land survey, necessary because of the digging to be done when constructing the handicapped bathroom. The bid specifications have been prepared and advertised. Another meeting with the Historical Association is scheduled for March 22. Also, another building will be toured before the next Council meeting, either the Senior Citizens Center or the Public Works building.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Council member Morales reported that he has met with the DPW Foreman regarding the cleaning of storm drains.

Engineer Cline reported that the Veterans Park project has been awarded. The Community Development Block Grant application has been delivered to Middlesex County. Currently, the plans are being reviewed for the installation of a traffic signal at the Gatzmer Avenue/Half Acre Road/West Railroad Avenue/Lincoln Avenue Intersection.

Attorney Raffetto reported that as Attorney for a neighboring municipality, he was present at a public hearing held to allow Verizon to provide cable services to that municipality. Wished to inform Council that under law, certain steps need to be taken should the Borough receive an application from Verizon to provide cable services.

Council President Jennings reported that the SERV Committee met recently and that a number of issues brought up at that meeting have already been addressed by the Zoning Officer. Also attended a meeting of the South Central Middlesex County Flood Control Commission, where he was elected Chair of the committee.

MOTION TO OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marvin Musgrove – 25 Sherman Street
• Complained of the condition of the U.S. flag in Veterans' Park.

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:26 PM