

# BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG

## COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00pm - Mayor Anthony LaMantia will call the meeting to order and announce 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, that the members of the audience are 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 Carpenter  
Council member Kostbar  
Council member Longo  
Council member Maloney  
Attorney Raffetto  
Denise Jawidzik, Business Administrator

Those Absent: Council President Jennings  
Council member Morales  
Engineer Dittenhofer

**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	X			
LONGO	X		X			
MALONEY			X			
MORALES						X
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION #214-09-13-06\*\***

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
August 16, 2006

MAYOR AND COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION  
August 16, 2006

**RESOLUTION #215-09-13-06\*\***

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:

Police Chief

August 2006

**RESOLUTION #216-09-13-06\*\***

REDEMPTION OF TAX LIENS

**WHEREAS**, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS VERIFIED RECEIPT OF PAYMENTS IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF FOUR THOUSAND TWENTY DOLLARS AND TWENTY-ONE CENTS (\$4,020.21) AS VERIFIED IN THE CERTIFICATION ATTACHED HERETO; AND

**WHEREAS**, THESE PAYMENTS WERE MADE FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE TAX SALE CERTIFICATES ALSO SPECIFIED ON THE AFOREMENTIONED CERTIFICATION.

**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 CHECKS IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF FOUR THOUSAND TWENTY DOLLARS AND TWENTY-ONE CENTS (\$4,020.21) TO THE LIEN HOLDERS SPECIFIED.

**RESOLUTION #217-09-13-06\*\***

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING ENGINEER TO PREPARE GRANT APPLICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR MIDDLESEX COUNTY DOWNTOWN AND BUSINESS DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS FUNDING.

**WHEREAS**, THE ENGINEER HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPLY TO MIDDLESEX COUNTY FOR THE USE OF DOWNTOWN AND BUSINESS DISTRICT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS ALONG EAST RAILROAD AVENUE WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH'S DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT; 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 ENGINEER BE AND IS HEREBY SUPPORTED AND AUTHORIZED TO PREPARE THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY DOWNTOWN AND BUSINESS DISTRICT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPALITIES AND TO SUBMIT SAME TO THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ALONG EAST RAILROAD AVENUE WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH'S DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENGINEERS APPLICATION.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION #210-09-13-06**

*Tabled from the meeting of August 16, 2006*

RESOLUTION GRANTING COUNCIL CONSENT OF CARETAKER LEASE FOR THE BUCKELEW MANSION

**WHEREAS**, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG IS THE RECORD OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 203 BUCKELEW AVENUE, WITHIN THE BOROUGH, WHICH IS MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 15, LOT 2, ON THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TAX MAP, UPON WHICH IS CONSTRUCTED A HISTORIC HOME KNOWN AS THE "BUCKELEW HOUSE" AND ALSO KNOWN AS "LAKEVIEW HOUSE"; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HAS ENTERED INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE JAMESBURG HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION VIA THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #08-04 IN APRIL OF 2004; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE JAMESBURG HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION WISHES TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CARETAKER OF SAID PROPERTY, NAMELY JOHN J. KEATING; AND

**WHEREAS**, AS THE OWNER OF SAID REAL PROPERTY, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HAS REVIEWED THE TERMS OF SAID LEASE WITH JOHN J. KEATING, AS ARE SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED LEASE AGREEMENT; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE ATTACHED LEASE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, HEREBY CONSENT AND APPROVE OF THE ATTACHED LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE JAMESBURG HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION AND CARETAKER, JOHN J. KEATING.

Motion to Table to the Council Meeting of September 27, 2006:

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

**RESOLUTION #218-09-13-06**

APPOINT PART-TIME EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER

I, MAYOR ANTHONY LAMANTIA, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL, DO HEREBY APPOINT STEVEN BOOKE AS PART-TIME EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2006 OR UNTIL SUCCESSORS ARE DULY APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED:

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

**RESOLUTION #219-09-13-06**

APPOINT CROSSING GUARD

I, ANTHONY LAMANTIA, MAYOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL, DO HEREBY APPOINT CHRISTINE WALKO AS A CROSSING GUARD FOR THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2006:

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

LAMANTIA						
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**RESOLUTION #220-09-13-06**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PART-TIME DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR

I, MAYOR ANTHONY LAMANTIA, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL, DO HEREBY APPOINT CHRISTINE WARD TO THE PART-TIME POSITION OF DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR, AT THE HOURLY RATE OF TWELVE DOLLARS (\$12.50) PER HOUR. THIS APPOINTMENT IS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 14, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2006 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	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARPENTER			X			
JENNINGS						X
KOSTBAR	X		X			
LONGO		X	X			
MALONEY			X			
MORALES						X
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

**RESOLUTION #221-09-13-06**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG APPROVING PAYMENT CERTIFICATE #1 FOR THE SHERIDAN STREET AND STEVENS AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, THE CONTRACTOR, BIG DADDY CONSTRUCTION, INC., HAS SUBMITTED AS-BUILT QUANTITIES FOR THE SHERIDAN STREET AND STEVENS AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; 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 AUGUST 28, 2006, IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS AND FORTY-FIVE CENTS (\$30,186.45).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT PAYMENT CERTIFICATE #1, IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS AND FORTY-FIVE CENTS (\$30,186.45) IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT TO BIG DADDY CONSTRUCTION, INC.

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

#222-09-13-06 Authorize Amendment #2 to Contract with Omnipoint Facilites, LLC  
Was removed from Agenda indefinitely

**RESOLUTION #223-09-13-06**

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 \$672,473.76

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 reported on Board of Education matters, including the results of proficiency tests and a visit by Congressman Rush Holt. Also reported on Library events.

**POLICE COMMITTEE**

Police Commissioner Jennings was absent.

**FINANCE AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE**

Council member Kostbar reported that he attended the South County Flood Commission meeting where they continue to work to alleviate flooding issues. Grants are being sought for that purpose. There is hope that new Land Use laws and Department of Environmental Protection regulations will assist in flood control matters. Also spoke with George Ververides, County Planner, regarding the M.O.M. rail line. It seems that Monmouth and Ocean counties are pushing very hard for the rail line. Middlesex County, having historically taken a stand against the line, must work very hard against it.

**PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE & HOLIDAY EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Council member Longo reported that the Borough is still looking to fill the full-time dispatch position. The Land Use Board's next meeting is September 14, where the application for Commerce Bank will be heard. The Revitalization Committee will also meet September 14, in the late afternoon, with the public hearing to be held on October 2, when the Department of Community Affairs representatives will be present. The Chamber of Commerce is in the process of electing new officers. The Jamesburg Civic Association will be holding a fund raising formal tea at the Knights of Columbus on October 1 at 2pm, and tickets are available at various businesses through town. The Fall town wide yard sale will be held on September 16.

**BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND PARKS COMMITTEE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Council member Maloney reported that the installation of the handicapped accessible bathroom at the Bucklelew House is proceeding nicely. Inspections were done on this date.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Council member Morales was absent.

Mayor LaMantia reported that the date for the Pumpkin Fest has been changed to October 21 and the pumpkins will still be distributed on October 14. October 4 is Walk your Children to School Day and October 9 begins Fire Prevention week. The Mayor also reported that he has been in contact with Middlesex County regarding drainage issues on Forsgate Drive.

**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: Maloney

SECONDED BY: Carpenter

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

ABSENT: Jennings, Morales.

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ron Becker – Jamesburg Civic Association and Historical Association

- Brought finalized maps for the town wide yard sale.
- Buckelew Day was very successful, with a record attendance, the dedication of the Jamesburg High School Room and the Louise Kerwin History Room.
- Two haunted houses are planned, for older children and adults. Admission is \$5.00.
- Christmas at Lakeview will take place on the first Sunday in December.

**MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:**

PROPOSED BY: Longo

SECONDED BY: Kostbar

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

ABSENT: Jennings, Morales.

None Opposed, None Abstaining

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

PROPOSED BY: Kostbar

SECONDED BY: Maloney

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

ABSENT: Jennings, Morales.

None Opposed, None Abstaining

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:**

7:30 PM