

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – December 19, 2007

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, that 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 Longo
Council member Bodall
Council member Carpenter
Council member Grimes
Council member Jennings
Council member Kostbar
Engineer Dittenhofer
Denise Jawdzik, Business Administrator

Those Absent: Attorney Raffetto

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING:

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS APPROVED ON FIRST READING AT THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2007, AND PUBLISHED IN FULL IN THE NOVEMBER 16, 2007 EDITION OF THE CRANBURY PRESS. COPIES HAVE BEEN POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BULLETIN BOARD AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC SINCE INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE #16-07

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WILLIAM STREET AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$29,700 THEREFOR, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY HAS DETERMINED TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO WILLIAM STREET; AND

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR \$29,700 IN FUNDING FROM THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR SUCH CONSTRUCTION.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

SECTION 1. THE IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2 OF THIS ORDINANCE ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AS GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY.

SECTION 2. THE IMPROVEMENTS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN CONSIST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO WILLIAM STREET, TOGETHER WITH ALL ITEMS NECESSARY, INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO.

SECTION 3. THE 2007 CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG IS HEREBY AMENDED TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

SECTION 4. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THIS ORDINANCE BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR INCONSISTENCY.

SECTION 5. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT 10 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION THEREOF AFTER FINAL ADOPTION, AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Motion to Open to Public Comment on Ordinance #16-07

Proposed by: Kostbar

Seconded by: Grimes

All In Favor: Bodall, Carpenter, Grimes, Jennings, Kostbar, Longo.

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

Public Comment on Ordinance #16-07

No members of the public wished to be heard on this ordinance.

Motion to Close to Public Comment on Ordinance #16-07

Proposed by: Bodall

Seconded by: Longo

All In Favor: Bodall, Carpenter, Grimes, Jennings, Kostbar, Longo.

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

Motion to Approve Ordinance #16-07 on Second Reading:

Proposed by: Longo

Seconded by: Bodall

All In Favor: Bodall, Carpenter, Grimes, Jennings, Kostbar, Longo.

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

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.

Resolutions #240-12-19-07 and #241-12-19-07 were removed while the remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved on the following vote:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BODALL			X			
CARPENTER		X	X			
GRIMES			X			
JENNINGS			X			
KOSTBAR			X			
LONGO	X		X			
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #238-12-19-07**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
November 7, 2007

RESOLUTION #239-12-19-07**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONTHLY 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	October 2007
Sewer Administrator	October 2007
Finance Officer	October 2007
Investment Report	October 2007
Police Department	October 2007
Tax Collector	November 2007
Sewer Administrator	November 2007

RESOLUTION #242-12-19-07**

REDEMPTIONS OF TAX LIENS

WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF PAYMENTS IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE DOLLARS AND FORTY-THREE CENTS (\$22,023.43) AS VERIFIED IN THE CERTIFICATION ATTACHED HERETO; AND

WHEREAS, THESE PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE TAX SALE CERTIFICATES SPECIFIED IN THE CERTIFICATION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

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 CHECKS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE DOLLARS AND FORTY-THREE CENTS (\$22,023.43), TO THE LIEN-HOLDERS SPECIFIED IN THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATION.

RESOLUTION #243-12-19-07**

RETURN OF PREMIUM ON A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS RECEIVED A PREMIUM IN THE AMOUNT OF ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,000.00) ON TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #06-000063 BEING HELD BY PARK FINANCE, LLC; AND

WHEREAS, THE AFOREMENTIONED CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN REDEEMED.

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 RETURN THE PREMIUM IN THE AMOUNT OF ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,000.00) TO THE AFOREMENTIONED CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

RESOLUTION #244-12-19-07**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS IN THE 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS ARE ALLOWABLE DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF A FISCAL YEAR; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS DEEMED NECESSARY THAT SAID TRANSFERS BE DONE THROUGH VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE IN THE 2007 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS:

	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	
<u>FROM</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
7-01-21-180-000-028	Planning Board O/E	3,500.00
<u>TO</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
7-01-26-290-000-011	DPW SW	3,500.00

RESOLUTION #245-12-19-07**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) FOR ALL INCIDENTS IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY

WHEREAS, IN HOMELAND SECURITY PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE (HSPD) 5, THE PRESIDENT DIRECTED THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS), WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A CONSISTENT NATIONWIDE APPROACH FOR FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO WORK TOGETHER MORE EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY TO PREVENT, PREPARE FOR AND RESPOND TO AND RECOVER FROM DOMESTIC INCIDENTS REGARDLESS OF CAUSE, SIZE AND COMPLEXITY; AND

WHEREAS, THE 9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF A STANDARDIZED INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY THAT ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS TO EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY PROVIDE THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF INCIDENT MANAGEMENT; AND

WHEREAS, TO FACILITATE THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IT IS CRITICAL THAT FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS UTILIZE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY, STANDARDIZED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES, UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR PLANNING, TRAINING, AND EXERCISING, COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, AND DESIGNATED INCIDENT FACILITIES DURING EMERGENCIES OR DISASTERS; AND

WHEREAS, THE NIMS STANDARDIZED PROCEDURES FOR MANAGING PERSONNEL, COMMUNICATIONS, FACILITIES, AND RESOURCES WILL IMPROVE THE ABILITY TO UTILIZE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING TO ENHANCE COUNTY AND LOCAL AGENCY READINESS, MAINTAIN FIRST RESPONDER SAFETY, AND STREAMLINE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT PROCESSES; AND

WHEREAS, THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM COMPONENTS OF NIMS ARE ALREADY AN INTEGRAL PART OF VARIOUS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE, COUNTY, LOCAL, MUNICIPALITIES, INCLUDING ALL PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE ORGANIZATIONS TRAINING PROGRAMS; AND

WHEREAS, OVER FIFTY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS MANDATE THAT NIMS BE ADOPTED AS A PREREQUISITE FOR OBTAINING THESE GRANTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORT AND AGREEMENT OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY'S UTILIZATION OF NIMS FOR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, THAT JAMESBURG DOES HEREBY ENDORSE MIDDLESEX COUNTY'S UTILIZATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS.

RESOLUTION #246-12-19-07**

APPROVE TAXI LICENSE

WHEREAS, HASAN K. ALDEMIR HAS SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION, INCLUDING DOCUMENTATION OF INSURANCE, FOR A TAXI LICENSE; AND

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH CLERK IS IN RECEIPT OF THE APPROPRIATE FEES FOR SAID LICENSE:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE TAXI LICENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE BE APPROVED:

MAKE AND MODEL
1995 LINCOLN TOWN CAR

VEHICLE I.D. NUMBER
1LNLM81W9SY628061

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION, GRANTING APPROVAL, BE FORWARDED TO HASAN K. ALDEMIR, 194 BUCKELEW AVENUE, JAMESBURG.

RESOLUTION #247-12-19-07**

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNSEL, THAT JAMESBURG HAS BEEN AWARDED, UNDER THE BICYCLE /PEDESTRIAN GRANT PROGRAM, A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$80,000.00); AND

WHEREAS, THE GRANT FUNDS ARE TO BE UTILIZED FOR THE STREETScape, PHASE 3, IN THE BOROUGH; AND

WHEREAS, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AND THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED GRANT, 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 BICYCLE/GRANT PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$80,000.00) WHICH IS TO BE UTILIZED FOR PHASE 3 OF THE STREETScape PROJECT.

RESOLUTION#248-12-19-07**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH A TREE REMOVAL AT 2A WILLIAM STREET, BLOCK 5, LOT 5 IN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, SPECIFICALLY TO A SIDEWALK INSTALLATION AT OR NEAR 2A WILLIAM STREET, JAMESBURG, NEW JERSEY PROPERTY REFERRED TO AS BLOCK 5, LOT 5 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG ("THE PROPERTY") AND OWNED BY JEFFREY AND WENDY JUBIN ("OWNERS"), THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG ("BOROUGH") MUST ENTER ONTO THE PROPERTY IN ORDER TO REMOVE A TREE; AND

WHEREAS, THE REMOVAL OF THE TREE IS A NECESSARY AND INTEGRAL PART OF A SIDEWALK INSTALLATION TO BE PERFORMED AT OR NEAR THE PROPERTY; AND

WHEREAS, THE OWNERS HAVE VERBALLY AGREED TO PERMIT THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO ACCESS THEIR PROPERTY IN ORDER TO EFFECTUATE THE REMOVAL OF THIS TREE, BUT REQUIRE THAT THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THEM HARMLESS IN THE EVENT THAT THEIR PROPERTY IS DAMAGED, OR THAT BOROUGH EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES OR AGENTS SUFFER INJURY TO THEIR PERSON OR PROPERTY DURING THE TREE REMOVAL PROCESS; AND

WHEREAS, THE OWNERS HAVE ALSO INSISTED THAT THE BOROUGH MAKE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO RESTORE THE PROPERTY TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION ONCE THE TREE IS REMOVED:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE MAYOR AND CLERK BE AND ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AN INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNERS, JEFFREY AND WENDY JUBIN, IN CONNECTION WITH THE TREE REMOVAL AT 2A WILLIAM STREET, JAMESBURG, NEW JERSEY, BLOCK 5, LOT 5.

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

- (A) FREDERICK C. RAFFETTO, ESQUIRE, BOROUGH ATTORNEY
- (B) DENISE JAWIDZIK, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION #240-12-19-07**

AUTHORIZE REFUNDS OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, OVERPAYMENTS OF TAXES, HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE TAX COLLECTORS OFFICE IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FOUR CENTS (\$4,720.24); AND

WHEREAS, THESE PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AS OVERPAYMENTS;

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 CHECKS IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FOUR CENTS (\$4,720.24), IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CERTIFICATION(S) ATTACHED HERETO.

Additional amount of \$250.00 for block 47.04. lot 8 was added to list of refunds for a new total of \$4,970.24.

Vote on matter as amended:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BODALL			X			
CARPENTER	X		X			
GRIMES			X			
JENNINGS					X	
KOSTBAR		X	X			
LONGO			X			
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTION #241-12-19-07**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEDUCTION ALLOWANCE

WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS CERTIFIED, ON THE LETTERS OF REQUEST ATTACHED HERETO, THAT CERTAIN TAX ACCOUNTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A VETERANS AND A SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A VETERANS PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION; AND

WHEREAS, THESE TAX BILLS FOR THESE ACCOUNTS DO NOT CURRENTLY REFLECT THE APPROPRIATE DEDUCTIONS AND MUST BE ADJUSTED:

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 ADJUST THE TAX ACCOUNTS FOR BLOCK 47.04, LOT 8 AND FOR BLOCK 79, LOT 3.02, FOR A VETERANS' DEDUCTION AND SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A VETERAN'S DEDUCTION RESPECTIVELY, AS SPECIFIED ON THE ATTACHED LETTERS OF REQUEST.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BODALL	X		X			
CARPENTER			X			
GRIMES			X			
JENNINGS					X	
KOSTBAR		X	X			
LONGO			X			
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTION #249-12-19-07

AUTHORIZE DEFERMENT OF 2007 LOCAL SCHOOL TAXES AS PROMULGATED BY THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DESIRES TO INCREASE THE 2007 DEFERRED SCHOOL TAXES AS PROMULGATED BY THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO INCREASE THE 2007 DEFERRED SCHOOL TAXES AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX	\$2,580,006.50	\$2,880,006.50	\$300,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG BE DIRECTED THE FILE THREE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION WITH THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BODALL			X			
CARPENTER	X		X			
GRIMES			X			
JENNINGS			X			
KOSTBAR		X	X			
LONGO			X			
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTION #250-12-19-07

RESOLUTION AWARDDING PROPOSAL FOR THE BUCKELEW MANSION RESTORATION MOVING AND STORAGE OF HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG ADVERTISED FOR OPEN COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE MOVING AND STORAGE OF HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS DURING THE BUCKELEW MANSION RESTORATION AND PROPOSALS WERE RECEIVED ON DECEMBER 13, 2007; AND

WHEREAS, ON SAID DATE, PROPOSALS WERE RECEIVED FROM CROZIER FINE ARTS OF NEWARK, NJ AND ALSO FROM MCCOLLISTERS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, INC., OF BURLINGTON, NJ; AND

WHEREAS, THE PURCHASING OFFICIAL HAS REVIEWED THESE PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE AWARD BE MADE TO MCCOLLISTERS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, INC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00; AND

WHEREAS, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER HAS CERTIFIED TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT A CONTRACT BE AWARDED TO MCCOLLISTERS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS SET FORTH IN THEIR BID PROPOSAL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENT AND THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BE ATTACHED AND MADE A PART OF THIS CONTRACT.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BODALL					X	
CARPENTER			X			
GRIMES			X			
JENNINGS		X	X			
KOSTBAR			X			
LONGO	X		X			
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTION #251-12-19-07

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 \$872,668.03.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BODALL			X			
CARPENTER			X			
GRIMES			X			
JENNINGS			X			
KOSTBAR	X		X			
LONGO		X	X			
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

DISCUSSION

Letter of Request from Borough Zoning Officer

Mayor LaMantia explained that he requested this matter be listed by Business Administrator Jawidzik due to his recent illness. The Mayor explained that certain properties on West Railroad Avenue that are currently zoned Professional Office/Residential, are being inquired about for use as retail businesses, which is not allowable under that current zoning. The Mayor and Council discussed the feasibility of changing the zoning to either Central Business District or Retail Business District, in order to allow more uses for the area, without the expense of coming before the Land Use Board for a use variance. Engineer Vogt made the suggestion of a possible “zone overlay”. Council consensus was reached, to send this matter to the Land Use Board for their consideration.

Mayor LaMantia explained that Assemblywoman Greenstein was invited to attend this evening’s meeting to explain her pending Assembly bill (A4650), but unfortunately sent her apologies as the Assemblywoman needed to attend a Governor’s function. Mayor LaMantia reported that the Assemblywoman has been working diligently on this bill, and extended his thanks to her for her diligence and understanding regarding the budget difficulties being experienced by municipalities similar to Jamesburg, due to the recently enacted Levy Cap in correlation with the laws regarding library appropriations. This bill has gathered support from the League of Municipalities. Mayor LaMantia also reported that he has given testimony before the legislature regarding the library funding formula. Council member Kostbar briefly gave an overview of the bill, stating that the bills seeks to reduce the mandated 15% increase to the library appropriation to 4%, keeping in line with the Levy Cap. Council member Kostbar stated that he feels this bill will help the entire state, not just Jamesburg. Mayor LaMantia agreed, saying that other Mayors are interested in supporting this legislation. Council members Longo and Jennings discussed other pending bills regarding the same issue, and their dislike for same. Council members expressed thanks to Mayor LaMantia for his attentiveness to this matter in the interests of Jamesburg. Council member Carpenter feels this bill will make Library Boards more fiscally responsible should it be signed into law. Mayor LaMantia stated that Assemblywoman Greenstein has reported that the Governor has expressed interest in A4650.

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE COMMITTEE / COMMISSIONER & HOLIDAY EVENTS/PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

Council member Carpenter reported that the Police Committee met prior to this Council meeting, where the committee discussed scheduling and reorganization. Also reported that the Library Board of Trustees President, Daria Ludas, has opted to not seek another term on the Library Board. Carol Hetzell will be taking over the position of President and Gregory Newton will serve as Vice President. Mrs. Carpenter also reported that the recent tree lighting went excellently.

Council member Grimes inquired about a recent vote taken by the Library Board of Trustees, granting “bonuses” to the Library employees from a \$900.00 surplus in their accounts. Council member Carpenter confirmed that such a vote did take place for each employee to receive a \$50.00 bonus through payroll, on the recommendation of the Library Director. Mrs. Carpenter also stated that she voted in opposition to said bonuses. Mr. Grimes expressed his extreme displeasure at that news and stated that he feels any surplus should have been given back to the taxpayers of Jamesburg. Mayor LaMantia disagreed with an employee making recommendations to the Board regarding matters that said employee benefits from, calling it a conflict. Council member Kostbar inquired what Council can do about the matter, but was informed by the Mayor that the Board makes their own decisions –however, they should be working with the Mayor and Council and not against them, in keeping taxes in check.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Councilmember Grimes reported that a Monroe Township High School student was recently honored in appreciation for the 20’ by 40’ map of the U.S. she painted at the J.F.K. School. The Jamesburg staff will be attending training regarding test score improvement and the new Superintendent will be holding a 2nd community forum soon. Monroe High School students will be tutoring J.F.K. School students and a new parent notification system is to be set in place in the near future. The Board of Education is considering going “paperless” although the initial outlay will be large. The Board of Education is considering moving

their accounts to the new Commerce Bank. The referendum for additional \$41 million dollars in funding for a new Monroe High School, was approved by the Monroe voters.

Council member Longo reported that the new Superintendent, Dr. Verona is seeking a piano to be utilized at the J.F.K. School.

COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS

Council member Jennings reported that negotiations with the P.B.A. are ongoing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGETING

Councilmember Kostbar reported that the 2008 budget is in preliminary planning stages, with a workshop meeting tentatively scheduled for January 23, 2008. Thanks were given to all involved with the annual Tree and menorah lightings. Council member Kostbar also reported that the M.O.M. rail line continues to be a matter of concern and he has been in contact with N.J. Transit representatives on the matter.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Council member Longo reported that the December Land Use Board meeting was cancelled and any matters before the Board will be heard in January. Council member Longo thanked Council member Jennings for his assistance with some repairs necessary for the Tree Lighting, and informed Council that some further repairs or new lights will be needed prior to next years festivities. The Revitalization Coalition will be meeting next week and will be discussing a "town clock".

COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY

Council member Bodall reported on updates for the Borough web site and some cyber security information he has received.

Also gave an update on the preparations being undertaken for the Buckelew House restoration.

Engineer Vogt reported on the status of the design for the new phase of the Streetscape.

Council discussed and agreed upon January 2, 2008, 7pm for the time and date of the annual Reorganization meeting.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY/ EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Anthony LaMantia reported that the leaf collection is ongoing. Also reported on the Fire Department Holiday activities, (breakfast with Santa, Santa on the train, Santa on fire trucks), and suggested a proclamation be issued for their community spirit. Reported that the Borough is to be the recipient of an \$80,000 grant for the Streetscape project completion. The next step will be West Railroad Avenue upgrades. The Mayor reported that Monroe Township has cleared a troublesome ditch and Middlesex County will be cleaning out ditches on the opposite side of the road, in the area of the Costco warehouse/Gatzmer Avenue in efforts to assist with the flooding issues in the area.

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: Jennings

SECONDED BY: Bodall

ALL IN FAVOR: Bodall, Carpenter, Grimes, Jennings, Kostbar, Longo

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elliott Stroul – 110 Mendoker Drive – J.R.C. President and member of J.C.A.

- Stated he is proud of Council's hard work this year.
- State that the Jamesburg Police Department should be thanked for the professionalism and courtesy.
- Jamesburg Civic Association will probably be willing to give to new lights for the tree lighting.
- "Street clock" project.
- Reported on J.R.C. events and undertakings of 2007.

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

PROPOSED BY: Jennings

SECONDED BY: Longo

ALL IN FAVOR: Bodall, Carpenter, Grimes, Jennings, Kostbar, Longo.

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

PROPOSED BY: Kostbar

SECONDED BY: Longo

ALL IN FAVOR: Bodall, Carpenter, Grimes, Jennings, Kostbar, Longo.

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:

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