

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – May 23, 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
Denise Jawidzik, Business Administrator

Those absent: Council member Kostbar
Attorney Raffetto
Engineer Dittenhofer

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING:

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS APPROVED ON FIRST READING AT THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 25, 2007, AND PUBLISHED IN FULL IN THE MAY 4, 2007 EDITION OF THE CRANBURY PRESS. COPIES HAVE BEEN POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BULLETIN BOARD AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC SINCE INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE #10-07

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO ACQUIRE PORTIONS OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO GULYA DRIVE.

WHEREAS, in connection with a public project intended to re-align the Borough's right-of-way line along Gulya Drive, it is necessary for the Borough of Jamesburg (the "Borough") to acquire portions of certain properties that are located adjacent to Gulya Drive; and

WHEREAS, the proposed re-alignment of the right-of-way line will allow for the Borough to install street lighting within the right-of-way area, which is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the affected properties are all under the record ownership of the Fernwood Cemetery (the "owner"), and the portions which must be acquired are identified as follows:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Area to be Acquired</u>
76.01	1.01	1,754 square feet (0.040 acres)
76	1.02	2,013 square feet (0.046 acres)
76	2.04	168 square feet (0.004 acres); and

WHEREAS, the portions to be acquired are more specifically described in certain legal descriptions prepared by Remington, Vernick and Vena Engineers, dated April 4, 2007, copies of which are on file for public inspection and review in the Borough Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the portions to be acquired are also more specifically depicted in a Right-of-Way Adjustment Plan prepared by Remington, Vernick and Vena Engineers, dated February 22, 2007, a copy of which is also on file for public inspection and review in the Borough Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the portions to be acquired shall be dedicated to the Borough by the owner without the necessity for the expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey "Local Land and Buildings Law," N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., and the New Jersey "Eminent Domain Act," N.J.S.A. 20:3-1, et seq., authorize a municipality to acquire interests in real property for public purposes by conveyance (including the acceptance of real property by dedication) or by condemnation, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council now wishes to authorize the Borough to acquire portions of the above properties by conveyance (including the acceptance of such parcels by dedication) or by condemnation, for the purpose of re-aligning the right-of-way line of Gulya Drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough is hereby authorized to undertake acquisition proceedings in order to acquire by conveyance (including the acceptance of such parcels by dedication), pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., or by condemnation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 20:3-1, et seq., portions of the above properties, as described in the legal descriptions and as depicted in the Plan referenced above, for the purpose of re-aligning the right-of-way line of Gulya Drive.
2. That the Borough Attorney and Borough Engineer are hereby authorized and directed to undertake all necessary actions in order to acquire portions of the above properties, as referenced above, on behalf of the Borough.
3. That the Mayor is authorized to execute and the Municipal Clerk to attest all necessary documents, which shall be in a form acceptable to the Borough Attorney in order to effectuate the intentions of the within Ordinance.
4. That, following the introduction of this Ordinance, a copy of the Ordinance, along with a copy of the relevant legal descriptions and Plan, and a notice of the public hearing date, shall be mailed to the Fernwood Cemetery, by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at least seven (7) days prior to the date scheduled for the public hearing
5. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.
6. That the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to the portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged invalid and shall not be deemed to affect the operation of any other portion thereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.
7. That all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Due to a miscommunication, a paragraph was omitted from Ordinance #10-07. That paragraph conveyed certain land areas to the Fernwood Cemetery Association. A corrected ordinance has been prepared therefore, Ordinance #10-07, will need to be withdrawn.

Motion to Withdraw Ordinance #10-07

Proposed by: Longo

Seconded by: Grimes

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

Absent: Kostbar

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

ORDINANCE - FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE #11-07

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO ACQUIRE AND CONVEY CERTAIN LAND AREAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE GULYA DRIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJUSTMENT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, in connection with a public project intended to re-align the Borough's right-of-way line along Gulya Drive, it is necessary for the Borough of Jamesburg (the "Borough") to acquire certain land areas that are located adjacent to Gulya Drive; and

WHEREAS, also in connection with this re-alignment project, it is necessary for the Borough to convey certain land areas that are located within the existing Gulya Drive to the adjacent property owner(s); and

WHEREAS, the proposed re-alignment of the right-of-way line will allow for the Borough to install street lighting within the right-of-way area, which is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the land areas to be acquired by the Borough are all part of tracts that are under the record ownership of the Fernwood Cemetery, and are identified as follows:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Area to be Acquired by the Borough</u>
76.01	1.01	1,754 square feet (0.040 acres)
76	1.02	2,013 square feet (0.046 acres)
76	2.04	168 square feet (0.004 acres); and; and

WHEREAS, the land areas to be conveyed from the Borough shall be transferred to the only adjacent property owner, Fernwood Cemetery, and include a 1,563 square foot area (0.036 acres) to be conveyed to Block 76, Lot 2.04, and a 1,853 square foot area (0.043 acres) to be conveyed to Block 76.01, Lot 1.01; and

WHEREAS, the affected land areas are more specifically described in certain legal descriptions prepared by Remington, Vernick and Vena Engineers, dated April 4, 2007, copies of which are on file for public inspection and review in the Borough Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the affected land areas are also more specifically depicted on a Right-of-Way Adjustment Plan prepared by Remington, Vernick and Vena Engineers, dated February 22, 2007, a copy of which is also on file for public inspection and review in the Borough Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the land areas to be acquired by the Borough shall be dedicated by the Fernwood Cemetery without the necessity for the expenditure of any public funds; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the land areas located within the existing Gulya Drive to be conveyed from the Borough to the Fernwood Cemetery shall be so conveyed for nominal consideration; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey "Local Lands and Buildings Law," N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., and the New Jersey "Eminent Domain Act," N.J.S.A. 20:3-1, et seq., authorize a municipality to acquire interests in real property for public purposes by conveyance (including dedication) or by condemnation, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law also authorizes a municipality to convey undersized parcels of real property to an adjacent property owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That, in connection with the afore-mentioned public project intended to re-align the Borough's right-of-way line along Gulya Drive, the Borough is hereby authorized to undertake acquisition proceedings in order to acquire by conveyance (including dedication), pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., or by condemnation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 20:3-1, et seq., portions of the properties known and designated as Block 76.01, Lot 1.01, Block 76, Lot 1.02, and Block 76, Lot 2.04, as described in the legal descriptions and as depicted in the Plan referenced above.
2. That, in connection with the afore-mentioned public project intended to re-align the Borough's right-of-way line along Gulya Drive, and pursuant N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., the Borough is hereby also authorized to convey certain land areas that are located within the existing Gulya Drive to the only adjacent property owner, Fernwood Cemetery, as follows: a 1,563 square foot area (0.036 acres) shall be conveyed to Block 76, Lot 2.04, and a 1,853 square foot area (0.043 acres) shall be conveyed to Block 76.01, Lot 1.01. The said land areas are described and depicted in the legal descriptions and Plan, respectively, as referenced above.
3. That the Borough Attorney and Borough Engineer are hereby authorized and directed to undertake all necessary actions in order to undertake the matters set forth above on behalf of the Borough.
4. That the Mayor is authorized to execute and the Municipal Clerk to attest all necessary documents, which shall be in a form acceptable to the Borough Attorney, in order to effectuate the intentions of the within Ordinance.
5. That, following the introduction of this Ordinance, a copy of the Ordinance, along with a copy of the relevant legal descriptions and Plan, and a notice of the public hearing date, shall be mailed to the Fernwood Cemetery, by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at least seven (7) days prior to the date scheduled for the public hearing

6. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

7. That the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to the portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged invalid and shall not be deemed to affect the operation of any other portion thereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

8. That all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Motion to approve Ordinance #11-07 of First Reading, Authorize Publication, and Set Public Hearing/Second Reading date:

Proposed by: Longo

Seconded by: Grimes

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

Absent: Kostbar

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.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #145-05-23-07**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

May 9, 2007

RESOLUTION #146-05-23-07**

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:

Police Chief's Report

April 2007

RESOLUTION #147-05-23-07**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FULL TIME EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPATCHER

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HAS RECEIVED THE RESIGNATION OF BRITTANY KANE FROM THE FULL-TIME POSITION OF EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER; AND

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH COUNCIL WISHES TO FILL THE VACANCY CAUSED BY SAID RESIGNATION;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR ANTHONY LAMANTIA, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL DO HEREBY APPOINT RYAN GALWAY TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG.

RESOLUTION #148-05-23-07**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENGINEER TO PREPARE APPLICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE APPLICATIONS FOR N.J.D.O.T. SAFE STREETS PROGRAM FUNDS.

WHEREAS, THE ENGINEER HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPLY TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SAFE STREETS PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE CONSTRUCTING CURBS AND SIDEWALKS ON FERNWOOD LANE, FRONT STREET, OAKLAND ROAD, AND MAPLE DRIVE; 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 AUTHORIZED TO PREPARE THE APPLICATIONS FOR N.J.D.O.T. SAFE STREETS PROGRAM FUNDS AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPALITIES AND TO SUBMIT SAME TO THE DISTRICT LOCAL AID OFFICE WITHIN THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING CURBS AND SIDEWALKS ON FERNWOOD LANE, FRONT STREET, OAKLAND ROAD, AND MAPLE DRIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENGINEER'S APPLICATION.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AND THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ATTEST THE AFORESAID APPLICATIONS UPON THEIR COMPLETION BY THE BOROUGH ENGINEER.

RESOLUTION #149-05-23-07**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENGINEER TO PREPARE APPLICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE APPLICATIONS FOR N.J.D.O.T. MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FUNDS.

WHEREAS, THE ENGINEER HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPLY TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE RESURFACING HARRISON STREET, FRONT STREET, GRAND STREET; 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 AUTHORIZED TO PREPARE THE APPLICATIONS FOR N.J.D.O.T. SAFE STREETS PROGRAM FUNDS AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPALITIES AND TO SUBMIT SAME TO THE DISTRICT LOCAL AID OFFICE WITHIN THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESURFACING HARRISON STREET, FRONT STREET, GRAND STREET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENGINEER'S APPLICATION.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AND THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ATTEST THE AFORESAID APPLICATIONS UPON THEIR COMPLETION BY THE BOROUGH ENGINEER.

RESOLUTION #150-05-23-07**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENGINEER TO PREPARE APPLICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE APPLICATIONS FOR A GRANT FROM THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY 2007 SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH IMPROVEMENT FUND.

WHEREAS, THE ENGINEER HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPLY TO THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY 2007 SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR A GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE WEST RAILROAD AVENUE STREETScape; 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 AUTHORIZED TO PREPARE THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY 2007 SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH IMPROVEMENT FUND AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPALITIES AND TO SUBMIT SAME TO THE DISTRICT LOCAL AID OFFICE WITHIN THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE WEST RAILROAD AVENUE STREETScape IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENGINEER'S APPLICATION.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AND THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ATTEST THE AFORESAID APPLICATIONS UPON THEIR COMPLETION BY THE BOROUGH ENGINEER.

RESOLUTION #151-05-23-07**

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 \$854,465.44:

RESOLUTION #152-05-23-07**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO OAKLAND ROAD, FERNWOOD LANE, AND FRONT STREET TO R & B BUILDERS, INC.

WHEREAS, ON MAY 8, 2007, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG RECEIVED BIDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO OAKLAND ROAD, FERNWOOD LANE, AND FRONT STREET WITHIN THE BOROUGH; AND

WHEREAS, ON THAT DATE, THE THREE LOWEST BIDS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) BIDDERS FOR THIS PROJECT;

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| 1. | R & B BUILDERS, INC. | \$116,723.00 |
| 2. | LUCAS CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. | \$129,810.50 |
| 3. | AJS ASSOCIATE, INC. | \$127,027.04; and |

WHEREAS, IT IS THE OPINION OF THE BOROUGH ENGINEER THAT THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO OAKLAND ROAD, FERNWOOD LANE, AND FRONT STREET BE AWARDED TO R & B BUILDERS, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$116,723.00 SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY AS TO FORM; AND

WHEREAS, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER HAS CERTIFIED THAT APPROPRIATE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT SERVICES;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO OAKLAND ROAD, FERNWOOD LANE, AND FRONT STREET, BE AWARDED TO R & B BUILDERS, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT OF

\$116,723.00, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION:

Flyer for Town Meeting Regarding Library

Mayor LaMantia requested the Council to review the draft copy of the flyer and get back to him with any comments or suggestions.

Mayor LaMantia also wished to clear up the misconception that the Governing Body has voted to close the library. Rather, the Mayor and Council are working with the library to find solutions. The town meeting will be held on June 13 to inform the residents what the Borough's situation is with the new cap law and the options available, to better inform the voters, who will ultimately be the ones deciding on whether or not the library will close, via referendum. This matter is an ongoing issue, working with the State to be able to negotiate an annual appropriation for the library.

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE COMMITTEE / COMMISSIONER & HOLIDAY EVENTS/PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

Council member Carpenter reported that the sixth grade students in the D.A.R.E. program will be graduating on May 30. The next Police Committee meeting will be held on June 13, prior to the Council meeting. Mrs. Carpenter brought Council's attention to a letter received from a Newark school, regarding the professional assistance received from Ptl. Smith, when their school bus broke down in Jamesburg on their class trip to a local area farm. Library events, Patriotic Committee events and Memorial Day parade matters were also reported.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Councilmember Grimes reported that the Board of Education is still seeking candidates to fill the vacancy currently on the Board. The Board also still awaits guidelines on State aid received. Teacher contracts have been approved for next year. Gail Verona of Plainsboro, has been chosen to fill the Chief School Administrator position at a salary of \$127,000 per annum.

COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS

Council member Jennings reported that a new dispatcher was appointed this evening and interviews will be held in June to fill the Tax Assessor's position, upon the retirement of Ed Heindel, on June 30.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGETING

Councilmember Kostbar was absent.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Council member Longo reported that a meeting was held at the Buckelew Mansion with Remington, Vernick & Vena Engineers, regarding the upgrades to the mansion's structure and heating system. Documents now need to be prepared to go to the State Historic Preservation Commission for approval. Mr. Longo also reported on the Town Wide Yard Sale as well as bulk garbage pick-up. Mr. Longo excused himself from the meeting at this time due to a family obligation.

COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY

Council member Bodall reported that he has plans for upgrades to the Borough web site.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY/ EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Anthony LaMantia reported that the Jamesburg Fire Department will soon be holding a drill at the former Jonathan's Grill site. Currently the Public Works Department is working on getting the crosswalks painted, anticipating all to be completed prior to the beginning of school in September. The Mayor also forwarded copies to Council of a letter he sent to the Governor's office regarding issues being encountered by the Borough with the new Cap law. The Mayor requested all to send a similar letter.

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: Carpenter

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

ABSENT: Kostbar

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Statkus – 275 ½ Gatzmer Avenue

- Complained of flooding issues being experienced by Gatzmer Avenue residents
- Complained of “stream” in that area that needs dredging, inquiring who is responsible for that.
- Feels flooding is being caused by the construction of the Costco warehouse, behind Gatzmer Avenue properties.

Council discussed, at length with Mr. Statkus, the source of the flooding, who may be responsible for the “stream” and it’s dredging. Mayor LaMantia referred to the Borough Engineer as to technical aspects.

Barbara Bushman – 280 Gatzmer Avenue

- Stated that her home has been getting flooded since September 2004.
- A reported informed her that the Borough officials, as well as Monroe Township officials had not received any complaints about flooding from the Costco warehouse site – wanted her complaint on record here.
- Stated that Monroe Township and Costco are the cause of all the flooding problems.
- Spoke regarding a meeting held in Monroe, with Costco and Monroe Township officials in July of 2006, to which Jamesburg officials were not invited.
- Stated that she feels Monroe Township’s Mayor Pucci and Engineer Ernie Feist are responsible for allowing the over-building in the area.

Suzanne Dell – 34 Quail Run Drive

- Stated that she has lived in her home for 17 years, but has never had issues with flooding until the April 15 storm.
- Stated that the water in her basement seems to be coming from underground.

Diane Smith – Bordentown Turnpike, Monroe Twp. Resident

- Is also having an issue with flooding.
- Asked why the Borough cannot go after Monroe Township for the problems caused.
- Informed governing body that South Brunswick is performing a study on the negative impact of excessive development.

Roger Dreyling – Perrineville Road, Monroe Twp. Resident, Fernwood Cemetery Association

- Congratulated the Mayor and Council on addressing the Gulya Drive right-of-way matter.
- Agreed with the other citizens’ complaints about the flooding.

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

PROPOSED BY: Jennings

SECONDED BY: Carpenter

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

ABSENT: Kostbar

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

PROPOSED BY: Grimes

SECONDED BY: Bodall

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

ABSENT: Kostbar

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:

8:05 PM