

# BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG

## COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES - APRIL 23, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:01PM - 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 President Kostbar  
Council member Bodall  
Council member Grimes  
Council member Jennings  
Council member Longo  
Attorney Raffetto - *arrived 7:04pm*  
Denise Jawidzik, Business Administrator

Those Absent: Council member Carpenter  
Engineer Dittenhofer

**INTRODUCTION OF 2008 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

This matter was removed from the agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARING 2008 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET:**

Open Public Hearing:

Proposed by: Longo

Seconded by: Bodall

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

Absent: Carpenter

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

No members of the public wished to be heard on the 2008 Local Municipal Budget

**Motion to Close Public Hearing on 2008 Local Municipal Budget:**

Proposed by: Longo

Seconded by: Grimes

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

Absent: Carpenter

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

**ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND READING:**

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE APPROVED ON FIRST READING AT THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HELD ON MARCH 19, 2008, AND PUBLISHED IN FULL IN THE MARCH 28, 2008 EDITION OF THE CRANBURY PRESS. COPIES HAVE BEEN POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BULLETIN BOARD AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC SINCE INTRODUCTION

**ORDINANCE #10-08**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE V (BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS) SECTION 44. (SHADE TREE COMMISSION) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG

**WHEREAS**, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HAS HAD MUCH DIFFICULTY FILLING POSITIONS ON A NUMBER OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS OF THE BOROUGH; AND

**WHEREAS**, DUE TO A LACK OF VOLUNTEERS, THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION HAS BEEN NON-ACTIVE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN (10) YEARS.

**WHEREAS**, REGULATIONS OF THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION ARE IN PLACE WITHOUT A COMMISSION TO ENFORCE THEM

**BE IT ORDAINED**, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT CHAPTER 2(ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE V (BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS) SECTION 44, (SHADE TREE COMMISSION) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG BE AND IS HEREBY REPEALED IN ITS ENTIRETY.
2. THAT, 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.
3. THAT ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PART(S) OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR INCONSISTENCY.
4. THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON FINAL PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Motion to Open to Public Comment on Ordinance #10-08

Proposed by: Longo

Seconded by: Kostbar

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

Absent: Carpenter

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

Public Comment on Ordinance #10-08

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

Motion to Close to Public Comment on Ordinance #10-08

Proposed by: Jennings

Seconded by: Grimes

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

Absent: Carpenter

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

Council member Grimes inquired about liability if residents cut down trees, should there be no Shade Tree Commission. Councilmember Bodall would like to find members for the Commission – feels would lessen environmental impact if a commission is in place to oversee tree issues. Mayor LaMantia replied that past precedent has shown that volunteer members are initially very active, but tend to lose interest with the result being that the committees have no quorums and/or no membership. Council member Longo spoke to the matter of the impact of newer versus older trees. Council further discussed the issue of liability whether a commission is in place or not.

Motion to Approve Ordinance #10-08 on Second Reading:

Proposed by: Kostbar

Seconded by: Longo

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

Opposed: Bodall

Absent: Carpenter

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

**ORDINANCE #11-08**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RE-ZONING OF A CERTAIN AREA OF WEST RAILROAD AVENUE EXTENDING FROM CHURCH STREET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH GATZMER AVENUE FROM THE PROFESSIONAL OFFICE/RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICT AND THE RETAIL BUSINESS ZONE DISTRICT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONE DISTRICT, AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG ACCORDINGLY.

**WHEREAS**, THE COMBINED LAND USE BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HAS BEEN MADE AWARE OF CERTAIN CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY PROPERTY OWNERS AND POTENTIAL DEVELOPERS/OCCUPANTS OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED ON WEST RAILROAD AVENUE THAT THE CURRENT ZONING OF THOSE PROPERTIES INHIBITS THEIR USE OR REDEVELOPMENT FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROPERTIES APPEAR WELL-SUITED; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE FACT THAT RETAIL STORES, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, PERSONAL SERVICES AND RESTAURANTS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE PROFESSIONAL OFFICE/RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICT THAT APPLIES TO THOSE PROPERTIES; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE BOARD CONDUCTED A DISCUSSION OF THE AREA AND USES THAT MIGHT BEST APPLY TO THE AFFECTED PROPERTIES AND DETERMINED THAT THE AFORESAID USES SHOULD BE PERMITTED FOR THOSE PROPERTIES; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE AREA STUDIED THAT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A RE-ZONING ARE AS FOLLOWS: BLOCK 38, LOTS 6, 7, 8, 9 AND 10; BLOCK 39, LOTS 1.02, 1.01, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 7.01, 7.02 AND 4.01; BLOCK 40, LOTS 8, 9, 10, 11 AND 11.01; BLOCK 41, LOTS 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 AND 13; AND BLOCK 48, LOTS 1, 1.01 AND 3; AND

**WHEREAS**, AFTER CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF THE PERMITTED USES AND THOSE THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY PERMITTED FOR THE REFERENCED PROPERTIES, THE BOARD DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER PLANNING TO RE-ZONE THE TARGET AREA AS NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TO ALLOW AN EXPANDED COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE PROPERTIES; AND

**WHEREAS**, ON MARCH 13, 2008, THE COMBINED LAND USE BOARD OF THE BOROUGH ADOPTED A RESOLUTION IN WHICH THE BOARD RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOROUGH COUNCIL MOVE FORWARD WITH AN ORDINANCE TO REMOVE THE ABOVE PROPERTIES FROM THE PROFESSIONAL OFFICE/RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICT AND THE RETAIL BUSINESS ZONE DISTRICT AND TO RE-DESIGNATE THEM AS PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONE DISTRICT.

**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 PROPERTIES LOCATED AT BLOCK 38, LOTS 6, 7, 8, 9 AND 10; BLOCK 39, LOTS 1.02, 1.01, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 7.01, 7.02 AND 4.01; BLOCK 40, LOTS 8, 9, 10, 11 AND 11.01; BLOCK 41, LOTS 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 AND 13; AND BLOCK 48, LOTS 1, 1.01 AND 3; ARE HEREBY REMOVED FROM THE PROFESSIONAL OFFICE/RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICT AND THE RETAIL BUSINESS ZONE DISTRICT AND ARE HEREBY RE-DESIGNATED AS PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONE DISTRICT.

2. THAT THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG IS HEREBY AMENDED TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE IN ZONING DESIGNATION.

3. THAT NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE PROVIDED TO ALL AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40:5D-62.1.

4. THAT NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE MUNICIPAL CLERKS OF ALL ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES AND TO THE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40:5D-15A.

5. 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.

6. THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON FINAL PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION IN ACCORDANCE TO THE LAW.

7. THAT ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH INCONSISTENCIES.

Motion to Open to Public Comment on Ordinance #11-08

Proposed by: Longo

Seconded by: Grimes

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

Absent: Carpenter

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

Public Comment on Ordinance #11-08

Donna Valese – 14 Front Street

- Inquired why Council is “pushing” the vacant lot (Block 39, lot 1.02) currently owned by Gray Rock Supply to be zoned commercial when it is in a residential zone.

Council member Jennings made a motion to remove lot 1.02 from the ordinance and Council member Kostbar seconded the motion. Both withdrew their motions until the close of the public comment.

Anna Aschkenes – 191 Gatzmer Avenue

- Agreed with comments of the previous speaker.
- Stated that Gray Rock supply is a good neighbor, but would like Council to hold off on changing the zoning of the lot and also made suggestions for zoning.

George Zelasko – 51 East Railroad Avenue

- Feels that the ordinance would make business more valuable and viable in town.
- Feels lot the vacant Gray Rock lot (Block 39, lot 1.02) should remain in the ordinance.

Elliott Stroul – 110 Mendoker Drive

- Reported that the Jamesburg Revitalization Coalition is happy about the zoning change.

Motion to Close to Public Comment on Ordinance #11-08

Proposed by: Kostbar

Seconded by: Grimes

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

Absent: Carpenter

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

Council member Longo explained that the Land Use Board intended to “clean up” the zoning in said area. Since there is a portion of Gray Rock’s building currently located on the lot in question, this ordinance straightens out that situation under zoning. Mayor LaMantia stated that the Land Use Board is attempting to make things uniform. Council member Jennings inquired whether the lot is a buildable lot. Council member Kostbar suggested precluding the lot as he does not wish to delay the zoning change. Council member Jennings stated that he requires clarification from the Land Use Board. So agreed.

Motion to Table Ordinance #11-08 on Second Reading to the meeting agenda of May 14, 2008:

Proposed by: Longo

Seconded by: Bodall

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

Absent: Carpenter

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.

Council member Grimes removed Resolution #120-04-23-08, while the remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved on the following vote:

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION #110-04-23-08\*\***

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

March 19, 2008

**RESOLUTION #111-04-23-08\*\***

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	March 2008
Sewer Administrator	March 2008
Investment Report	March 2008
Finance Officer	March 2008
Library Board of Trustees Minutes	February 25, 2008
Chief of Police	January 2008
Chief of Police	February 2008
Chief of Police	March 2008

**RESOLUTION #112-04-23-08\*\***

APPROVE JUKE BOX AND POOL TABLE LICENSES

**WHEREAS**, AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY PARKSIDE TAVERN, INC., FOR ONE (1) JUKE BOX LICENSE, ONE (1) POOL TABLE LICENSE; 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 #JB-03-08, and #PT-01-08 BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED IN THE NAME OF PARKSIDE TAVERN, INC.

**RESOLUTION #113-04-23-08\*\***

APPROVE LAUNDRY MACHINE LICENSES

**WHEREAS**, AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR SIX (6) LAUNDRY LICENSES BY TALL TREE APARTMENTS, L.L.C.; 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 LAUNDRY LICENSES #LL-48-08, #LL-49-08, #LL-50-08, #LL-51-08, #LL-52-08 AND #LL-53-08 BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED IN THE NAME OF TALL TREE APARTMENTS, L.L.C.

**RESOLUTION #114-04-23-08\*\***

APPROVE LAUNDRY MACHINE LICENSES

**WHEREAS**, AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY CHET GZANKOWSKI FOR FOUR (4) LAUNDRY 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 LAUNDRY LICENSES #LL-54-08, #LL-55-08, #LL-56-08, AND #LL-57-08 BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED IN THE NAME OF CHET GRZANKOSWKI.

**RESOLUTION #115-04-23-08\*\***

APPROVE LAUNDRY LICENSES

**WHEREAS**, AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY EUSTOLIA TORRES FOR FORTY (40) LAUNDRY 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 #LL-58-08, THROUGH #LL-97-08, BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED IN THE NAME OF EUSTOLIA TORRES.

**RESOLUTION #116-04-23-08\*\***

APPROVE JUNK YARD LICENSE

**WHEREAS**, APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE BY RED AND BLACK AUTO, INC. FOR JUNK YARD LICENSES FOR 2007/2008 AND 2008/2009; 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 JUNK YARD LICENSES BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED IN THE NAME OF RED AND BLACK AUTO, INC. FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008 AND FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009.

**RESOLUTION #117-04-23-08\*\***

CANCELLATION OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

**WHEREAS**, CERTAIN GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION BALANCES REMAIN DEDICATED TO PROJECTS NOW COMPLETED; AND

**WHEREAS**, IT IS NECESSARY TO FORMALLY CANCEL SAID BALANCES SO THAT THE UNEXPENDED BALANCES MAY BE CANCELED AGAINST THE RECEIVABLE;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE FOLLOWING UNEXPENDED BALANCE AND DEDICATED BALANCES OF GENERAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS BE CANCELED

<u>ORD #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMT FUNDED</u>	<u>AMT UNFUNDED</u>
#02-07	Oakland/Fernwood	\$160.74	

**RESOLUTION #118-04-23-08\*\***

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEDUCTION ALLOWANCE

**WHEREAS**, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS CERTIFIED, ON THE LETTER OF REQUEST ATTACHED HERETO, THAT A CERTAIN TAX ACCOUNT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A DISABLED PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE TAX BILLS FOR THIS ACCOUNT DOES NOT CURRENTLY REFLECT THE APPROPRIATE DEDUCTION 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 ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 4, LOT 7 A DISABLED PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION AS SPECIFIED ON THE ATTACHED LETTER OF REQUEST.

**RESOLUTION #119-04-23-08\*\***

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTION AND REFUND

**WHEREAS**, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS CERTIFIED, ON THE LETTER OF REQUEST ATTACHED HERETO, THAT A CERTAIN TAX ACCOUNT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE TAX BILL FOR THIS ACCOUNT DOES NOT CURRENTLY REFLECT THE APPROPRIATE EXEMPTION FOR 2008 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 ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 73.04, LOT 23 IN ORDER TO APPLY THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AS SPECIFIED ON THE ATTACHED LETTER OF REQUEST.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT THE TAX COLLECTOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO REFUND THE PREVIOUSLY PAID 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2008 PROPERTY TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND EIGHT CENTS (\$1,914.08).

**RESOLUTION #121-04-23-08\*\***

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG FOR THE PROVISION OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS RECOVERY SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT.

**WHEREAS**, THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES ACT, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq. PERMITS MUNICIPALITIES OF STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE JOINT PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HAS DETERMINED THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX FOR SERVICES RELATING TO CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS RECOVERY FROM RESIDENTIALLY DISCARDED APPLIANCES; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE AFOREMENTIONED SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED, AS STATED IN DETAIL IN THE AGREEMENT ATTACHED HERETO, AT NO COST.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG DOES HEREBY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MIDDLESEX COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES RELATING TO CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS RECOVERY FROM RESIDENTIALLY DISCARDED APPLIANCES.
2. THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH MIDDLESEX COUNTY, ATTACHED HERETO.
3. THAT THE BOROUGH CLERK BE AND IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO FORWARD A DULY AUTHENTICATED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

**RESOLUTION #122-04-23-08\*\***

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM GRANT.

**WHEREAS**, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG WISHES TO APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS; AND

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY FORMALLY APPROVES THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM GRANT.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT THE MAYOR AND CLERK ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AND THAT THEIR SIGNATURE CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND APPROVES THE EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

**RESOLUTION #123-04-23-08\*\***

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 REQUIRES THE GOVERNING BODY OF EVERY LOCAL UNIT TO HAVE MADE AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF ITS BOOKS, ACCOUNTS, AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT FOR THE YEAR 2007 HAS BEEN FILED BY A REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT WITH THE MUNICIPAL CLERK AS PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6, AND A COPY HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY EACH MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IS AUTHORIZED TO PRESCRIBE REPORTS PERTAINING TO THE LOCAL FISCAL AFFAIRS, AS PER R.S.52: 27BB-34; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD HAS PROMULGATED A REGULATION REQUIRING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH MUNICIPALITY SHALL BY RESOLUTION CERTIFY TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY HAVE REVIEWED, AS A MINIMUM, THE SECTIONS OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT ENTITLED:

**GENERAL COMMENTS  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

AND

**WHEREAS**, THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY HAVE PERSONALLY REVIEWED AS A MINIMUM THE ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT, AND SPECIFICALLY THE SECTIONS OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT ENTITLED:

**GENERAL COMMENTS  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

AS EVIDENCED BY THE GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM OF THE GOVERNING BODY; AND

**WHEREAS**, SUCH RESOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION SHALL BE ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY NO LATER THAN FORTY -FIVE DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT, AS PER THE REGULATIONS OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD; AND

**WHEREAS**, ALL MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY HAVE RECEIVED AND HAVE FAMILIARIZED THEMSELVES WITH, AT LEAST, THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS STATED AFORESAID AND HAVE SUBSCRIBED TO THE AFFIDAVIT, AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD; AND

**WHEREAS**, FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROMULGATIONS OF THE LOCAL FINANCE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY MAY SUBJECT MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY TO THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF R.S.52:27BB-52 - TO WIT:

***R.S.52:27BB-52** - "A LOCAL OFFICER OR MEMBER OF A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY WHO, AFTER A DATE FIXED FOR COMPLIANCE, FAILS OR REFUSES TO OBEY AN ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR (DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES), UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, MAY BE FINED NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) OR IMPRISONED FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR, OR BOTH, IN ADDITION SHALL FORFEIT HIS OFFICE."*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HEREBY STATES THAT IT HAS COMPLIED WITH THE PROMULGATION OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DATED JULY 30, 1968 AND DOES HEREBY SUBMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION AND THE REQUIRED AFFIDAVIT TO SAID BOARD TO SHOW EVIDENCE OF SAID COMPLIANCE.

**RESOLUTION #124-04-23-07**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

**WHEREAS**, THE 2007 AUDIT OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, CONDUCTED BY HUTCHINS, FARRELL, MEYER & ALLISON, CONTAINED CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRING ACTION; AND

**WHEREAS**, THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE BOROUGH'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS PROMULGATED BY THE N.J. DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, HAS DEVELOPED A PLAN TO ADDRESS THE RECOMMENDATIONS LISTED BY THE AUDITORS;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2007 MUNICIPAL AUDIT, HERETO ATTACHED, IS HEREBY APPROVED AND ACCEPTED.

**RESOLUTION #125-04-23-08\*\***

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 \$741,176.40

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION #120-04-23-08\*\***

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MAPLE, CEDAR, AND BIRCHWOOD ROADS CURB AND SIDEWALK PROJECT.

**WHEREAS**, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG WISHES TO APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MUNICIPAL AID GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE D.O.T. ELECTRONIC SAGE PROGRAM; AND

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY FORMALLY APPROVES THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE ABOVE STATE PROJECT.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT THE MAYOR AND THE ADMINISTRATOR ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC GRANT APPLICATION IDENTIFIED AS MA-2008 JAMESBURG BOROUGH – 00004.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT THE MAYOR AND CLERK ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AND THAT THEIR SIGNATURE CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND APPROVES THE EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

Council member Grimes stated that he feels that other areas of the Borough, more specifically, Half Acre Road, need curbs and sidewalks more than Maple, Cedar, & Birchwood Roads. Mayor LaMantia explained the grant process and how roads are decided upon for new sidewalks and/or curbs. Council member Kostbar replied that the Community Development Block Grant is to include Half Acre Road, which a grant was denied for in the past. The Mayor also explained that the more walked sidewalks, such as those nearer to the schools, receive higher priority for sidewalk replacement. Council member Grimes disagreed, stating that the residents of Beaver Brook Run use Half Acre Road frequently.

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

**RESOLUTION #126-04-23-08**

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
MONMOUTH/OCEAN/MIDDLESEX RAIL LINE.

**WHEREAS**, FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO DECADES, NEW JERSEY TRANSIT HAS STUDIED THE FEASIBILITY OF BUILDING A RAIL LINE WHICH WOULD RUN THROUGH MONMOUTH, OCEAN, AND MIDDLESEX COUNTIES IN ORDER TO CONNECT WITH AMTRAK'S NORTHEAST CORRIDOR LINE; AND

**WHEREAS**, NEW JERSEY TRANSIT HAS ONLY CONDUCTED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDIES WITHOUT EXAMINING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE MUNICIPALITIES AFFECTED BY THIS PLAN; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE PLAN CALLS FOR A TRAIN STATION TO BE BUILT WITHIN THE JAMESBURG BORDERS; AND

**WHEREAS**, NJ TRANSIT WILL TAKE POSSESSION OF THIS PROPERTY AND JAMESBURG WILL LOSE THE TAXING ABILITY FOR THIS LAND; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE 2008 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPOSED PROPERTIES IS \$4,364,752 AND REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT TAX RATABLE FOR JAMESBURG INCLUDING ONE PROPERTY THAT IS THE 8<sup>TH</sup> LARGEST SINGLE TAXPAYER WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG; AND

**WHEREAS**, PROPOSED PLAN WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT TAX IMPACT ON THE PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG STILL OPPOSE THIS PLAN FOR THE DETRIMENTAL IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR RESIDENTS IN ADDITION TO THE NEGATIVE FISCAL IMPACT;

**WHEREAS**, NJ TRANSIT HAS AN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE A FISCAL IMPACT STUDY FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES AFFECTED BY THIS PLAN:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT NJ TRANSIT IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A FISCAL IMPACT STUDY AS WELL AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY FOR ALL AFFECTED MUNICIPALITIES INCLUDING THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THIS PLAN.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO GOVERNOR CORZINE, SENATOR BARONI, ASSEMBLY PERSONS GREENSTEIN AND DEANGELO, THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, AND NEW JERSEY TRANSIT.

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

**RESOLUTION #127-04-23-08**

RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL S-1455

**WHEREAS**, SENATE BILL 1455 CALLS FOR A REFERENDUM TO CONSOLIDATE THE MUNICIPAL TAX ASSESSOR, MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR, MUNICIPAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL; AND

**WHEREAS**, SENATE BILL 1455 DOES NOT GIVE THE MUNICIPALITY ANY OPTION IF THE COUNTY VOTERS CAST A MAJORITY TO CONSOLIDATE; AND

**WHEREAS**, CONSOLIDATION WOULD CAUSE UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP ON CITIZENS WHO RELY ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX OFFICE FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY THE COMMUNITY'S SENIOR CITIZENS WHO DEPEND ON TAX OFFICES FOR

ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING TAX FREEZE AND REBATE FORMS. WITHOUT PROPER STUDY, THERE IS NO PROOF THAT CONSOLIDATION WILL SAVE ANY PUBLIC MONEY; AND

**WHEREAS**, SENATE BILL 1455 CALLS FOR A MASTER PLAN FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE TAX ASSESSMENT AND TAX COLLECTION FUNCTIONS AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE PROPOSAL THUS FAILING TO PROVIDE VOTES WITH A FACTUAL BASIS ON WHICH TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE REFERENDUM; AND

**WHEREAS**, CURRENT STATE STATUTES PLACE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TAX ASSESSMENT AND TAX COLLECTION UNDER MUNICIPAL JURISDICTION; AND

**WHEREAS**, IT IS THE MUNICIPALITIES RESPONSIBILITY TO COLLECT ALL PROPERTY TAXES DUE AND DISTRIBUTE SAME TO THE OTHER TAXING AUTHORITIES, AS WELL AS ENFORCING LAWS ON DELINQUENTS; AND

**WHEREAS**, MUNICIPALITIES WILL BE DEPENDENT ON THE COUNTY TO DISBURSE FUNDS TO OPERATE AND THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE THE INTEREST COLLECTED ON THOSE FUNDS INSTEAD OF MUNICIPALITIES; AND

**WHEREAS**, CURRENT STATUTES PROVIDE FOR THE RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, DOES HEREBY OPPOSE THE PASSAGE AND ENACTMENT OF SENATE BILL 1455.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO SENATE PRESIDENT RICHARD CODEY, SENATOR RONALD RICE, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY & URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND SENATOR BARONI, REPRESENTING THIS DISTRICT AS A SIGN OF OUR OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

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

**RESOLUTION #128-04-23-08**

RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO A CASH MATCH FOR GARDEN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND CAPITAL PRESERVATION GRANTS LEVEL II 2008 GRANT

**WHEREAS**, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG WISHES TO APPLY FOR GARDEN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND CAPITAL PRESERVATION GRANTS LEVEL II 2008 GRANT; AND

**WHEREAS**, THERE IS A ONE TO ONE MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG IS APPLYING FOR \$750,000 IN FUNDING THROUGH THIS GRANT; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HAS ALREADY RECEIVED \$892,000 IN FUNDING THROUGH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY OPEN SPACE RECREATION AND FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND, WHICH MAY BE USED AS THE MATCHING PORTION FOR THIS GRANT.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT \$750,000 OF THE \$892,000 RECEIVED, BE COMMITTED AS MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE \$750,000 GARDEN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND CAPITAL PRESERVATION GRANTS LEVEL II 2008 GRANT.

Ms. Jawidzik reported that previously authorized grant funds would serve as the cash match for this purpose.

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

**RESOLUTION #129-04-23-08**

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO GARDEN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND CAPITAL PRESERVATION GRANTS LEVEL II 2008

**WHEREAS**, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG WISHES TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM GARDEN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND CAPITAL PRESERVATION GRANTS LEVEL II 2008; AND

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX NEW JERSEY FORMALLY APPROVES THE ABOVE GRANT APPLICATION.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT DENISE JAWIDZIK, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AND ACT AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG. DENISE JAWIDZIK IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE ATTACHED APPLICANT AND OWNER ASSURANCES.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT THE MAYOR AND CLERK ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AND THAT THEIR SIGNATURE CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND APPROVES THE EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

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

**DISCUSSION:**

Garbage Contract

Denise Jawidzik informed Council that the Borough will again need to go out to bid regarding Garbage Collection and will seek bids on 1 year and 3 year contract terms.

Mayor LaMantia reported that the recently defeated Board of Education budget is being reviewed by the Finance Committee, who expects to have a recommendation for all of Council, very soon.

**COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LIBRARY COMMITTEE & HOLIDAY EVENTS/PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE**

Council member Carpenter was absent.

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Councilmember Grimes spoke to the matter of the defeated school budget, stating that it would be premature to decide on any cuts prior to review of the budget.

Mayor LaMantia momentarily stepped out of the meeting at this time – Council member Kostbar to fill in as chair presiding over the meeting.

Council member Grimes reported that the JFK School was recognized by the Just 4 Kids organization and is to be spotlighted on News 12 New Jersey. The teacher of the year is to be named at the next Board of Education meeting. On May 6 the Superintendent is to hold her final forum for this school year.

#### COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS

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

#### POLICE COMMITTEE/COMMISSIONER & COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGETING

Councilmember Kostbar reported that the Police Committee met just prior to this meeting and discussed training sessions, the new dispatcher and the new patrolman, who are doing well in their new positions.

Mayor LaMantia rejoined the meeting at this time.

#### TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Council member Bodall reported that the web site has a new addition pertaining to "going green" by using Energy Star light bulbs. Mr. Bodall stated that he will be adding a Fire Prevention section to the site in the future.

#### COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS, GROUNDS

Council member Longo reported on the Memorial Day Parade and gave the web site where information can be obtained. Also requested Council see him regarding the purchase of an ad from the Council in the parade program.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY/ EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Anthony LaMantia reported that the Public Safety committee met last month and discussed dispatch as well as holding drills. The Mayor also spoke regarding a press conference he attended in Trenton regarding the current budget conflict with the State. The Mayor remarked that very few legislators were in attendance.

**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: Longo

SECONDED BY: Bodall

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

ABSENT: Carpenter

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

#### Elliott Stroul – 110 Mendoker Drive

- Spoke regarding Revitalization Coalition's plans for summertime Farmers Market.

#### George Zelasko – 51 East Railroad Avenue

- Complimented the new pavers being installed on East Railroad Avenue
- Remarked that new sidewalks are going where the need is for them.
- Made inquiry to Council member Grimes about his length of residence in the Borough.

#### Joe Valdes – 191 Gatzmer Avenue

- Inquired about the M.O.M. rail line resolution
- Thanked Council for the work they do.

#### Don Peterson – 27 Woodland Road

- Thanked the Finance Committee for hearing the predicament the Board of Education is in regarding their budget.

#### **MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:**

PROPOSED BY: Longo

SECONDED BY: Kostbar

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

ABSENT: Carpenter

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

PROPOSED BY: Kostbar

SECONDED BY: Grimes

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

ABSENT: Carpenter

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

#### **TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 8:27 \_\_\_\_\_ PM