

# Council Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2010

**Call to Order:** 6:00pm – 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. 10:5-3.1 et. seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:17. Also announced, in the event of a fire and pursuant to the NJ Uniform Fire Code, the members of the audience were requested to take notice of the exits at the front and rear of the Council Chambers as well as the main hallway.

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Mayor LaMantia

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor LaMantia  
Council member Busco  
Council member Carpenter  
Council member Deans  
Council member Ludas  
Council member Newton  
Administrator Jawidzik  
Attorney Raffetto

Absent: Council member Longo

**2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor LaMantia called for a motion to open the floor for public hearing.

COUNCIL	MOTION	VOTE
Busco		Y
Carpenter	1 <sup>st</sup>	Y
Deans		Y
Longo		AB
Ludas		Y
Newton	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y

Mr. Tom Van De Sande of 2 Fernwood Avenue inquired as to why some O&E line items were higher than some S&W line items in the budget; specifically under Administration and the Health Department sections. He also inquired about several other line items. Administrator Jawidzik explained.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor LaMantia called for a motion to close the public hearing.

COUNCIL	MOTION	VOTE
Busco		Y
Carpenter	1 <sup>st</sup>	Y
Deans		Y
Longo		AB
Ludas		Y
Newton	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

**ORDINANCE #11-10**

**THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE**

FIRST READING DATE: April 14, 2010

COUNCIL	MOTION	VOTE
Busco		Y
Carpenter	1 <sup>st</sup>	Y
Deans		Y
Longo		AB
Ludas	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y
Newton		Y

DATE PUBLIC HEARING SET: May 12, 2010  
DATE SECOND READING SET: May 12, 2010

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, NEW JERSEY.**

FIRST READING DATE: April 14, 2010

COUNCIL	MOTION	VOTE
Busco		Y
Carpenter	2nd	Y
Deans		Y
Longo		AB
Ludas	1st	Y
Newton		Y

DATE PUBLIC HEARING SET: May 12, 2010  
DATE SECOND READING SET: May 12, 2010

**ORDINANCE #13-10**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE**

FIRST READING DATE: April 14, 2010

COUNCIL	MOTION	VOTE
Busco		Y
Carpenter	1 <sup>st</sup>	Y
Deans		Y
Longo		AB
Ludas	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y
Newton		Y

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**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. 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.

**RESOLUTION # 079-04-14-10\*\***

MEMORIALIZING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL CLERK

This resolution is to memorialize Resolution #078-03-10-10 which was approved on March 10, 2010 appointing Amy Antonides as Municipal Clerk for a term to expire on March 10, 2013 or upon a successor being duly appointed and qualified.

The salary for this position shall be \$22.00 per hour and a flat rate of \$450.00 per day for Primary Election Day and General Election Day.

COUNCIL	MOTION	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Busco	1 <sup>st</sup>	X			
Carpenter		X			
Deans		X			
Longo					X
Ludas	2nd	X			
Newton		X			

**RESOLUTION #080-04-14-10\*\***

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MARCH 10, 2010

COUNCIL	MOTION	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Busco	1 <sup>st</sup>	X			
Carpenter		X			
Deans		X			
Longo					AB
Ludas	2nd	X			
Newton		X			

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:

Sewer Administrator	February 2010
Tax Collector	February 2010
Finance	February 2010
Investments	February 2010
Chief of Police	February 2010
Zoning Officer	
Library	

COUNCIL	MOTION	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Busco</i>	<b>1st</b>	<b>X</b>			
<i>Carpenter</i>		<b>X</b>			
<i>Deans</i>		<b>X</b>			
<i>Longo</i>					<b>AB</b>
<i>Ludas</i>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>X</b>			
<i>Newton</i>		<b>X</b>			

**RESOLUTION #082-04-14-10\*\***

APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

**WHEREAS**, The Chief Financial 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 the Committee Chair, the Finance Chairperson, the Vendor, and the Chief Financial Officer, have all been obtained on each voucher 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 \$671,973.19

COUNCIL	MOTION	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Busco</i>	<b>1st</b>	<b>X</b>			
<i>Carpenter</i>		<b>X</b>			
<i>Deans</i>		<b>X</b>			
<i>Longo</i>					<b>AB</b>
<i>Ludas</i>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>X</b>			
<i>Newton</i>		<b>X</b>			

**RESOLUTION # 083-04-14-10\*\***

**REDEMPTIONS OF TAX LIENS**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has confirmed receipt of payments in the aggregate amount of Eight Thousand Two Hundred Five dollars and Thirty-four cents (\$8,205.34) as verified in the certification attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, this payment has been made for the redemption of the following:

Tax Sale Certificate # 08-00001	Amount \$ 7,837.57
Tax Sale Certificate # 08-00009	Amount \$ 367.77
Tax Sale Certificate # 09-00011	Amount \$13,649.40
	Total: \$21,854.74

**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-One Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty Four and Seventy Four Cents (\$21,854.74) to the lien holders specified on the attached certification.

COUNCIL	MOTION	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Busco</i>	<b>1st</b>	<b>X</b>			
<i>Carpenter</i>		<b>X</b>			
<i>Deans</i>		<b>X</b>			
<i>Longo</i>					<b>AB</b>
<i>Ludas</i>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>X</b>			
<i>Newton</i>		<b>X</b>			

**RESOLUTION #084-04-14-10\*\***

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AND RICHARD GRUBB & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council are desirous of performing upgrades to the historic Buckelew Mansion in the borough of Jamesburg, which does require an archaeological survey; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. have presented an estimate of costs to provide said professional services of an archaeological surveyor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., authorizes the awarding of a contract for professional services without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, provided that the resolution authorizing the contract and the contract itself be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk and that notice of the awarding of the contract be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg as follows:

1. that the Mayor and Borough Council do hereby award the contract between the Borough of Jamesburg and Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. regarding the above referenced archaeological survey services
2. that this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey, because the services will be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and it is not possible to obtain bids for such needed qualitative services.
3. that the Chief Financial Officer has filed a Certificate of Availability of Funds for this contract and same is attached to this resolution.
4. that notice of the adoption of this resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Borough.
5. that a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to each of the following:
  - a. Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.
  - b. Remington, Vernick & Vena Engineers
  - c. Denise Jawidzik, Chief Financial Officer.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Busco</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>	X				
<i>Carpenter</i>		X				
<i>Deans</i>		X				
<i>Longo</i>						AB
<i>Ludas</i>	2nd	X				
<i>Newton</i>		X				

**RESOLUTION # 085-04-14-10\*\***

**Resolution Accepting the Interlocal Service Agreement between the Middlesex County Improvement Authority and the Borough of Jamesburg for the Provision of Yard Waste Recycling Services**

**WHEREAS**, the Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq. permits municipalities of the State of New Jersey to enter into contracts with other governmental entities for the joint provision of municipal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg have determined that it is in the best interest of Jamesburg to enter into an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Middlesex County Improvement Authority for the provision of yard waste recycling services for the term of April 5, 2010 until April 4, 2015 unless this Agreement is earlier terminated as provided in the attached agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the service to be provided by Middlesex County Improvement Authority to the Borough of Jamesburg is detailed in the attached agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg as follows:

1. The Borough of Jamesburg does hereby enter into an agreement with Middlesex County Improvement Authority for the provision of yard waste recycling services.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement.
3. An executed copy of the agreement along with the authorizing resolution shall be forwarded to the Middlesex County Improvement Authority.



**NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION # 088-04-14-10**

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #193-11-11-09 AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS IN THE 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg authorized transfers in the 2009 Municipal Budget at their Council meeting of April 14, 2009 by approving resolution #193-11-11-09 transferring a total of \$500.00 from the Assessor Legal Service Account and \$500.00 from the Recreation Personal Expenses Account to the Public Events Account; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg have determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough of Jamesburg at the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer to rescind resolution #193-11-11-019 thus placing \$500.00 back into the Assessor Legal Service Account and \$500.00 from Recreation Personal Expenses Account from the Public Events Account;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg as follows:

1. An executed copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Finance Officer

COUNCIL	MOTION	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Busco</i>	1st	X			
<i>Carpenter</i>		X			
<i>Deans</i>		X			
<i>Longo</i>					AB
<i>Ludas</i>	2nd	X			
<i>Newton</i>		X			

**RESOLUTION # 089-04-14-10**

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #033-01-06-10 APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNTY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND APPOINTING MR. OTTO KOSTBAR IN PLACE OF MR. THOMAS BUSCO**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg appointed Mr. Thomas Busco as the Representative to County Housing and Community Development Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Otto Kostbar has been with the Borough for many years and has expressed his desire to continue; and

**WHEREAS**, each municipality in the County of Middlesex, having entered into an agreement with the County of Middlesex to plan for the use of and receive from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1972; and

**WHEREAS**, this committee has been named the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Program Committee; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Otto Kostbar is hereby appointed as the Governing Body's representative to the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Program Committee for the year 2010, replacing Mr. Thomas Busco.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg that a copy of this Resolution will be forwarded as follows:

1. Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Program Committee
2. Mr. Otto Kostbar, Representative to County Housing and Community Development Program

COUNCIL	MOTION	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Busco</i>		X			
<i>Carpenter</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>	X			
<i>Deans</i>		X			
<i>Longo</i>					AB
<i>Ludas</i>	2nd	X			
<i>Newton</i>		X			

**RESOLUTION #090-04-14-10**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID FOR THE STREETScape PHASE V CURB AND SIDEWALK PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Jamesburg seeks to award a contract for the Streetscape Phase V Curb and Sidewalk Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Jamesburg hereby accepts and approves the specifications of this project as prepared by the Borough Engineer, and finds this project to be in the best interest of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 7, 2010, the Borough of Jamesburg received bids for the Streetscape Phase V Curb and Sidewalk Project; and

**WHEREAS**, on that date, the three lowest bids for the Base Bid were received from the following bidders for this project:

1. MNC General Contracting Inc. \$59,446.36
2. Quality Enterprises, LLC \$67,049.50
3. R&B Builders, Inc. \$67,739.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has recommended that the contract for Streetscape Phase V Curb and Sidewalk Project for the base bid be awarded to MNC General Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$59,446.36, subject to the Borough Attorney as to form; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey that the contract for Streetscape Phase V Curb and Sidewalk Project for the base bid be awarded to MNC General Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$59,446.36 subject to the approval of the Borough Attorney.

COUNCIL	MOTION	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Longo</i>					X
<i>Busco</i>		X			
<i>Carpenter</i>	1st	X			
<i>Deans</i>		X			
<i>Ludas</i>	2nd	X			
<i>Newton</i>		X			

**RESOLUTION #091-4-14-10**

Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for Half Acre Road Curb and Sidewalk Project

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Jamesburg seeks to award a contract for the Half Acre Road Curb and Sidewalk Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Jamesburg hereby accepts and approves the specifications of this project as prepared by the Borough Engineer, and finds this project to be in the best interest of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 7, 2010, the Borough of Jamesburg received bids for the Half Acre Road Curb and Sidewalk Project; and

**WHEREAS**, on that date, the three lowest bids for the Base Bid plus Alternate A were received from the following bidders for this project:

1. Buckler Industrial Builders, Inc. \$34,687.31
2. Arnolds Roads, Inc. \$35,278.00
3. Quality Enterprises, LLC \$35,692.50; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has recommended that the contract for Half Acre Road Curb and Sidewalk Project for the base bid be awarded to Buckler Industrial Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$34,687.31, subject to the Borough Attorney as to form; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey that the contract for the Half Acre Road Curb and Sidewalk Project for the base bid be awarded to Buckler Industrial Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$34,687.31 subject to the approval of the Borough Attorney.

Council	Motion	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
<i>Longo</i>					X
<i>Busco</i>		X			
<i>Carpenter</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>	X			
<i>Deans</i>		X			
<i>Ludas</i>	2nd	X			
<i>Newton</i>		X			

**RESOLUTION #092-4-14-10**

**ACCEPTING THE 2009 MUNICIPAL AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:A5-4 requires the Governing Body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transaction, and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2009 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 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

**WHEREAS**, such Resolution of Certification shall be adopted by 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 aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with the promulgation's of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the 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 (\$1,000.00) 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.

Prior to voting on this Resolution, Council member Deans questioned the Auditor's summary and opinion statement calling into question accounting procedures in the State of New Jersey opposed to the rest of the United States. Administrator Jawidzik explained that the Borough of Jamesburg must adhere to accounting directives and procedures administered by the State of New Jersey and that it is just the opinion of the Borough's independent auditor that the Borough could benefit from accounting practices that other states utilize.

Council	Motion	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Busco		X			
Carpenter	1 <sup>st</sup>	X			
Deans		X			
Longo					AB
Ludas	2 <sup>nd</sup>	X			
Newton		X			

**COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL AND BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Council member Longo**

Council member Longo was absent from Meeting but submitted a prepared report for the record that stated the following:

Personnel:  
Nothing to report at this time.

Buckelew House:  
The Historic Preservation Office in Trenton has given us approval to go out to bid for Phase I. The base for this project is approximately 360,000 dollars. All grant money from the County Freeholders.  
Advertisement began April 6<sup>th</sup>, and a site walk through was scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>. Bids will be opened on April 28<sup>th</sup> and if all goes well a recommendation for the council to approve a contract will be made at the May meeting.

Land Use Board:  
No Report – This no meeting tomorrow night. The applicant asked for a postponement.

Scholarship Dinner:  
I want to thank those council members Barbara Carpenter, Greg Newton and former council members Otto Kostbar and Brian Grimes for supporting the event. It was sold out and even with the storm we had 160 present with \$3,400 provided to Jamesburg student residents attending Monroe Twp. High School, and Grace M. Breckwedel School.

**POLICE COMMITTEE/COMMISSIONER – Council member Ludas**

Council member Ludas reported on the following items:

Police Department: Computer Aided Dispatch entries for March were 915 calls. For March there were 159 motor vehicle stops conducted for various reasons. Shared Services Dispatching for Milltown: Our Dispatch Center received 126 9-1-1 calls in March for Milltown. There were 33 first aid calls handled by Jamesburg, 10 were turned over to Monroe. Several officers will be patrolling around school zones and the downtown area on bicycles. Several JPD Officers will take part in the annual Torch Run which benefits the Special Olympics on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Speed alert trailers will be placed in various parts of town through out the spring/summer/fall seasons.

County Flood Commission: Council member Ludas said that she and Council member Thomas Busco attended a Flood Meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> in New Brunswick. A Flood Damage & Mitigation Report was issued which she, Mayor Lamantia, and Councilman Busco will review. Congressman Rush Holt has given the commission grant money for the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a year long study analyzing the county watershed problems.

**HOMEOWNER RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Council member Deans**

Council member Deans advised she has nothing to report on for this evening.

**PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE – Council member Carpenter**

Council member Carpenter read a prepared report giving an overview of the following:

refreshments to follow. To date the committee has received donations totally approximately \$3,200. Memorial wreaths will be placed at various locations. The next parade meeting will be held on April 19, 2010 at Borough Hall. Council member Carpenter highly encourages everyone to attend this wonderful community event.

Council member Carpenter reported that the Street Fair will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 until 5:00. It will once again be located on West Railroad Avenue. This Committee is busy looking into the best possible solution for placement of the food vendors to allow easy access to the public. Registration forms and donation request letters will be mailed out sometime next month as well as a press release in this regard. The next Street Fair Committee meeting will be May 3, 2010 at 8:00 pm at Borough Hall.

Council member Carpenter said she attended her first Central Jersey Transportation Forum consisting of local legislators. This Transportation Forum has been a steady proponent advancing the Route 1 Regional Growth Strategy. Forums are held on a quarterly basis with the next one scheduled sometime in July.

Begging on May 15, 2010, the Middlesex County Shuttle Transit service will add a new bus route to include Jamesburg, Cranbury & Plainsboro. This new orange schedule will travel to the new Princeton Nursing Home.

Council member Carpenter concluded her report by advising that Governor Christi proposed a budget with deep cuts that will devastate libraries all over the State. If passed, State funding to libraries will be cut by 74%. A mailing from the NJ Library Association regarding the proposed cuts will be forthcoming. The Association is asking residents to contact their legislators in protest of these cuts. Council member Carpenter touched upon some concerns with pending Assembly Bill A255 which proposes to leave municipal funding for libraries up to the discretion of the local government.

The Friends of the Jamesburg Library will be hosting their annual Art Show beginning on April 18, 2010. Art work will be on display for two weeks and a reception for the artists will be held.

#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS – Council member Busco**

Council member Busco reported that lawn moving duties have resumed. The backstop at the Knights of Columbus filed was repaired. Also, a combined total of 750 feet of sewer pipe was cleaned out on three roadways. Removal of brush and leaves continues from the recycling center. Also on the previous Sunday, Community Service did a clean-up at Borough Hall, along the railroad tracks as well as on Railroad Avenue. Council member Busco concluded by advising that repairs on Borough equipment are being done as needed.

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION – Council member Newton**

Council member Newton mirrored some of Council members Longo's report regarding education. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, the annual Scholarship Banquet was held and was well attended. It was so well attended that they had to purchase extra tables just to fit in everyone that attended. Scholarships were awarded to Jamesburg's 8<sup>th</sup> graders and Seniors from the High School. Council member Newton advised that he attended two recent Board of Education meetings and stressed how sensitive their budget is. The reduction of state aid was nearly \$600,000. The Board of Education worked diligently to make cuts and as a result are losing a number of personnel. This made for a potential increase to 7.3 cents. The tax increase potentially will be about \$90.50 for the average home assessed at \$124,000.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Denise Jawidzik**

Administrator Jawidzik reported that Jamesburg has been awarded \$95,000 in a police communication federal grant and that she is working with the Police Department to file all the proper paperwork so that the Borough can purchase the equipment.

The Borough is still awaiting for NJDOT approval on the plans for the JFK School infrastructure Improvements through the SRTS Grant.

Administrator Jawidzik completed her report by advising the Borough is currently preparing the bid specs for the Harrison Street project.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Anthony LaMantia**

Mayor LaMantia reported that he recently attended some meetings at the Governor's office with other Legislators whereas they discussed various imposed mandates placed upon local municipalities as well as how sensitive the local budgets are.

#### **MAYOR LAMANTIA CALL FOR MOTION TO OPEN FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Motion: Carpenter

Second: Busco

All in Favor

#### **Mr. Elliott Stroul – 110 Mendoker Drive**

Mr. Stroul stated that implementing a state wide GAP system would be too costly for the tax payers. Mr. Stroul said the Buckelew House is in bad shape, especially after recent storms and hopes that we can continue to make repairs on it. Mr. Stroul also mentioned that for the Memorial Parade this year we are expecting a record turnout. Mr. Stroul concluded by thanking the Governing Body for their work on the budget and also complimented them on their very thorough Councilmatic reports.

#### **Tom Van De Sande - 2 Fernwood Lane**

Mr. Van De Sande asked who the contracts were awarded to on this evening's agenda. Administrator Jawidzik advised. Mr. Van De Sande voiced dissatisfaction about the placement of the public comment stating that the public is not given the opportunity to voice their questions or concerns about Resolutions prior to the Council's approval. Attorney Raffetto explained that the statutory requirement regarding public comment has been satisfied. There is no statutory requirement to have a

Governing Body. Mayor LaMantia said he will take this into consideration.

Mr. Robert Czarneski - 189 Gatzmer Avenue

Mr. Czarneski, a member of the local School Board, reminded everyone that Tuesday is the School Board Election and to please come out and support the school's budget. He also asked the Mayor and Council to include the budget restraints and implications the local schools are facing whenever they speak to our local and state legislators. Mayor Lamantia said he does indeed do that and will continue to.

**WITH NO FURTHER COMMENTS, MAYOR LAMANTIA CALLS FOR MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Motion: Deans  
Second: Ludas  
All in Favor

**ADJOURN: 6:54 PM**

Motion: Carpenter  
Second: Ludas  
All in Favor

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Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk