

**BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: 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 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:

Mayor LaMantia - Present
Council President Kostbar - Present
Council Member Busco - Present
Council Member Carpenter - Present
Council Member Deans - Present
Council Member Ludas - Present
Council Member Newton - Present
Administrator Jawidzik - Present
Borough Attorney Youssouf - Present

JOINT ANNUAL MUNICIPAL/SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEEDS BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Tom Reynolds, Business Administrator of the Jamesburg Board of Education, presented the Jamesburg School District 2011-2012 Budget to the Governing Body. Members of the Governing Body asked questions for clarification. Mr. Reynolds responded.

1ST PUBLIC HEARING – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – EXCLUDES ORDINANCES (they have their own public hearing): 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 PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed By: Council President Kostbar
Seconded By: Council Member Ludas
All in favor.

Mr. Tom Van de Sande - 2 Fernwood Lane – Mr. Van de Sande asked if the Janitorial Services being retained were for the Municipal Building exclusively and whether other bids were considered. Administrator Jawidzik responded informing the public that the Bailey's bid was the only bid received and that their services were for the municipal building and the Senior Center. Mr. Van de Sande asked for clarification on the need for the appointment of Special Counsel. Council President Kostbar explained the desire to have Special Counsel appointed in the event that legal advice was needed during the various contract negotiations. Mr. Van de Sande inquired as to the status of the Animal Control Officer appointment. Council President Kostbar reported that a temporary solution was being put in place.

Mr. Brian Taylor – 11 Hillside Avenue – Mr. Taylor asked for clarification for the need for Special Counsel indicating that he understood that Attorney Youssouf would fulfill the Borough’s need for legal counsel. Council President explained that Attorney Kanan’s expertise is in the area of labor contract negotiations and that they only intended to use Mr. Kanan if necessary. Mr. Kostbar further commented that no additional dollars would be allocated to the legal fees line item in the budget.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed By: Council President Kostbar
 Seconded By: Council Member Carpenter
 All in favor.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING BY TITLE –PUBLIC HEARING

The following ordinances were approved on first reading at the meeting of the Mayor and Council held on March 9, 2011, and published in the March 18, 2011 edition of the Cranbury Press. Copies have been posted on the municipal bulletin board and made available to the public since introduction.

ORDINANCE #05-11

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WEST RAILROAD AVENUE AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$250,000 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

No comments from the Public.

COUNCIL	MOTION	OPEN	MOTION	CLOSE	MOTION	ADOPT	AYES	NAYS
Council President Kostbar	X				X		X	
Council Member Busco							X	
Council Member Carpenter				X			X	
Council Member Deans							X	
Council Member Ludas		X				X	X	
Council Member Newton			X				X	

ORDINANCE #06-11

2011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Mr. Tom Van de Sande - 2 Fernwood Lane – Mr. Van de Sande asked for clarification of the Ordinance. Administrator Jawidzik responded.

COUNCIL	MOTION	OPEN	MOTION	CLOSE	MOTION	ADOPT	AYES	NAYS
Council President Kostbar			X		X		X	
Council Member Busco							X	
Council Member Carpenter	X						X	
Council Member Deans							X	
Council Member Ludas		X				X	X	
Council Member Newton				X			X	

ORDINANCE #07-11

STEEP SLOPE ORDINANCE

Mr. Tom Van de Sande - 2 Fernwood Lane – Mr. Van de Sande asked for clarification on the criteria used to determine non-compliance. Administrator Jawdzik noted that a steep slope was any slope 20% over a minimum of ten (10) feet and if this limit was exceeded a resident would need to go before the land use board.

COUNCIL	MOTION	OPEN	MOTION	CLOSE	MOTION	ADOPT	AYES	NAYS
Council President Kostbar							X	
Council Member Busco			X				X	
Council Member Carpenter					X		X	
Council Member Deans							X	
Council Member Ludas		X				X	X	
Council Member Newton	X			X			X	

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING BY TITLE (Public Hearing set for May 11, 2011)

ORDINANCE #08-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ESTABLISHING LIMITS FOR SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICES, POSITIONS, AND EMPLOYEES IN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	VOTE
Council President Kostbar	X		X
Council Member Busco			X
Council Member Carpenter		X	X
Council Member Deans			X
Council Member Ludas			X
Council Member Newton			X

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 an** 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.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

- #103-04-13-11** Accept Minutes of March 9, 2011
- #104-04-13-11** Approve Payment of Vouchers
- #105-04-13-11** Redemption of Tax Liens
- #106-04-13-11** Accepting Monthly Reports
- #107-04-13-11** Cancellation of Grant

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President Kostbar	X		X			
Council Member Busco			X			
Council Member Carpenter		X	X			
Council Member Deans			X			
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Newton			X			

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

#092-04-13-11

Authorizing Agreement for Professional Legal Services – Joseph D. Youssef, Esq.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President Kostbar	X		X			
Council Member Busco			X			
Council Member Carpenter		X	X			
Council Member Deans			X			
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Newton			X			

#108-04-13-11

Authorizing Award of Janitorial Services

Council Member Deans asked what the requirements were to be considered and commented that she was surprised that more bids were not submitted. Administrator Jawidzik responded reporting that advertisements were placed in the local paper and on the Borough's website and yet the company awarded the bid was the only respondent. Council Member Newton inquired about the terms. Ms. Jawidzik informed the council that the contract was open ended and could be reviewed each year and put out to bid if necessary.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President Kostbar	X		X			
Council Member Busco			X			
Council Member Carpenter		X	X			
Council Member Deans			X			
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Newton			X			

#109-04-13-11

Accepting Shared Services Agreement for the Provision of Yard Waste Recycling and Marketing Services

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President Kostbar			X			
Council Member Busco			X			
Council Member Carpenter	X		X			
Council Member Deans		X	X			
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Newton			X			

#110-04-13-11

Awarding Bid for Half Acre Road Curb and Sidewalk Repairs

Council President Kostbar inquired as to the comparison of the HUD Grant monies and the contract awarded. Administrator Jawidzik reported that in addition to the costs represented in this resolution there would be additional “soft” costs associated with engineer fees and the like; these costs would also be covered by the HUD Grant. Council Member Deans asked about the timing of the project. Ms. Jawidzik reported that it would begin Summer, 2011.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President Kostbar		X	X			
Council Member Busco			X			
Council Member Carpenter	X		X			
Council Member Deans			X			
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Newton			X			

#111-04-13-11

Amending Section 13 of the Borough’s Personnel Policy

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President Kostbar			X			
Council Member Busco	X		X			
Council Member Carpenter			X			
Council Member Deans			X			
Council Member Ludas		X	X			
Council Member Newton			X			

#112-04-13-11

Appoint Special Counsel – Abdel Kanan, Esq.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President Kostbar			X			
Council Member Busco			X			
Council Member Carpenter	X		X			
Council Member Deans			X			
Council Member Ludas		X	X			
Council Member Newton			X			

#113-04-13-11

Authorizing Agreement for Special Counsel – Abdel Kanan, Esq.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President Kostbar			X			
Council Member Busco			X			
Council Member Carpenter	X		X			
Council Member Deans			X			
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Newton		X	X			

#114-04-13-11

Appoint Animal Control Officer – Joseph Intravartola

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President Kostbar		X	X			
Council Member Busco			X			
Council Member Carpenter	X		X			
Council Member Deans			X			
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Newton			X			

#115-04-13-11

Appoint Crossing Guard – Ana Ruiz

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President Kostbar			X			
Council Member Busco			X			
Council Member Carpenter	X		X			
Council Member Deans			X			
Council Member Ludas		X	X			
Council Member Newton			X			

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President Kostbar			X			
Council Member Busco		X	X			
Council Member Carpenter	X		X			
Council Member Deans			X			
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Newton			X			

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Buckelew Mansion – Council President Kostbar – Council President Kostbar reported on the importance of the project and that although the first phase was complete, the building is not yet ready to be open to the public. Mr. Kostbar noted that additional grant applications are in process in hopes of obtaining the additional funds needed to complete the project.
- Police Overtime Budget – Finance Committee – Council Member Deans offered a correction to her previous report on the overtime numbers for the years 2008-2010. Ms. Deans further reported that she continues to meet with the police in an effort to reduce the overtime budget.
- Cell Phones – Council Member Deans/Council Member Carpenter – Council Members Carpenter and Deans reviewed the topic reiterating their interest in voting on reducing the Borough provided cell phones to three (3) and directing the Borough Administrator and the Chief of Police to determine which positions should be issued the phones. Borough Attorney Youssouf offered guidance as to whether the item should be a “motion” voted upon or a formal Resolution. Mayor LaMantia asked for a legal opinion on whether an employee who is required to be “on-call” should be provided with a Borough cell phone. Attorney Youssouf reported that this is not statutorily required and there is no expectation of privacy attached to phone numbers. Mayor LaMantia voiced concern about the DPW Road Department crew and certain police department members not having cell phones and suggested that the Borough should give the three (3) free phones to the DPW department and obtain 3-4 more phones for the police department, OEM and the Fire Officials. Administrator Jawdzik agreed. Council Member Carpenter expressed further concerns about the need to cut costs. Borough Attorney Youssouf suggested that due to the complexity and controversial nature of the topic the council put something in writing. The Council agreed to take a vote on a motion and then memorialize the vote at the next meeting.

Motion to retain the three (3) free phones provided by the SPCA.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President Kostbar			X			
Council Member Busco				X		
Council Member Carpenter	X		X			
Council Member Deans		X	X			
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Newton			X			

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

Council President Kostbar reported on the following:

- Railroad track work complete. Find the results to be quite good.
- There is currently no funding available for a new traffic light on Gatzmer; will continue to pursue.
- Continue to meet with representatives from Monroe Township regarding opportunities for shared services.
- Attended Government Efficiency meeting. The topic was police services and challenges associated with combining services noting that it appears to be better to seek out local agreements.

COUNCIL MATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- COMMITTEES ON FINANCE/GRANTS and INFRASTRUCTURE
Council President Kostbar
- POLICE COMMITTEE/COMMISSIONER and COMMITTEE ON ETHICS
Council Member Deans

Council Member Deans reiterated the importance of the Ethics Committee and encouraged members of the public to participate.

- COMMITTEES ON PERSONNEL/POLICY
Council Member Newton

Council Member Newton reported that the Personnel Committee is working with the Finance Committee to continue to explore shared services as a way of saving money. Council President Kostbar reported that the Committee met with Mr. Intravartola and found the meeting and learning about the various borough equipment was quite interesting. Mr. Kostbar encouraged other Council Members to meet with employees and learn more about their job functions.

- COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS and BUILDING/GROUNDS
Council Member Busco

Council Member Busco reported that the parks cleaning has commenced in preparation for upcoming landscaping. Mr. Busco also reported that the Senior Center roof has a leak and that quotes are being obtained for repairs.

- COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EVENTS
Council Member Carpenter

Council Member Carpenter reported on the following:

- § The Parade – signs have been ordered and will be in place the first week of May; the Parade booklet will be scaled down; marching unit confirmations continue to come in; additional Parade meetings are scheduled on April 25th, May 2nd, and May 23rd, the public is invited to attend; American Flags will be placed on Veterans’ grave stones at the local cemeteries; 100 chairs will be needed, 20 for the stage the 80 facing the stage; the stage is reserved from Monroe Township and will be placed in a new location under a large shade tree facing the park
- § Fall Festival – more details at next meeting
- § Library – 19 classes from JFK are visiting the Library during National Library Week; classes from GMB will visit after Spring Break; Director Evalina was asked to speak at the Special Education Students’ Parents Meeting, she presented a “show and tell” of picture books for children and also presented some

parenting books; Director Evalina attended a Broad Band Technology Workshop presented by NJ State Library to obtain more information about the grant program available through the Economic Recovery Act; the Library is in the process of relocating some materials in a more user friendly arrangement; Director Evalina has been invited to be a guest speaker at the Superintendent's Forum on May 3rd; the Library will again participate in the Memorial Day Parade with a float featuring the Summer Reading Program Theme; additional programs at the Library include an Adult Book Club, Family Night with Crafts, Story Time for children, Beading Workshop, and a trip to Longwood Gardens

- **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, COMMITTEE ON SAFETY and BUSINESS OUTREACH LIAISON**
Council Member Ludas

Council Member Ludas reported on the following:

- § Education – The Jamesburg BOE held two special meetings informing the public on the status of Jamesburg students attending the new Monroe High School. The Board met with legislators and state education officials, resolutions were passed granting Jamesburg permission to research/explore options including shared services. The process is underway with hopes to form a committee that includes board members, parents and other residents. The Superintendent's Forums have been well attended the next forum to be held on May 3rd and will feature the new Jamesburg Library Director. Second marking period Honors were distributed. A portable planetarium went up at GMB School. The NJ ASK testing will take place in early May. President Larsen suggested agendas/minutes be posted on-line to keep parents better informed. The School Board Election is Wednesday, April 27, all are encouraged to get out and vote.
- § Safety – the two new fire commissioners were sworn in; fireman are researching fire vehicle manufacturers in searching for a new fire truck; the First Aid has four new volunteers in EMS training; a SERV meeting was held April 4th, property issues have been resolved.
- § Business Liaison Outreach – ten businesses are participating, all are very receptive to the new program.

- **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
Denise Jawidzik

Administrator Jawidzik reported on the following:

- § Chapter 38 of the Public Laws of 2011 has changed the way we tax the Municipal Library. The tax bill will now show the library as a separate tax. It will still be included in our regular budget but separated on the tax bill.
- § Met with FEMA on March 29th to begin the application process for reimbursement of the December 26, 2010 snow storm costs. Our costs were approximately \$14,000 of which FEMA may reimburse 75%.
- § An Energy Audit was conducted on the Public Works Buildings and the Senior Center. Application was made and was approved for an additional Clean Energy Grant that will cover improvement costs to the Public Works Building for \$5,200 and the Senior Center for \$43,100. There will be no cost to the Borough. The estimated energy savings is expected to be approximately \$7,200 annually. The Borough is eligible to apply for approximately \$80,000 in additional grant monies; since our buildings have all been audited and approved we were able to assign the balance of the grant eligibility to another Borough entity. It has been assigned to the Board of Education. I've worked with Mr. Reynolds on his application for the grant.

- **MAYOR'S REPORT**
Mayor Anthony LaMantia

Mayor LaMantia reported that he is continuing his efforts to arrange for a meeting with the Department of Education at the Governor's Office. The Mayor strongly encouraged the public to keep writing the DOE and the Governor's Office.

2nd PUBLIC HEARING – NON-AGENDA ITEMS: 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: Council President Kostbar

Seconded By: Council Member Newton

All in favor.

Mr. Paul Gentile, 11 Sedgwick – Mr. Gentile expressed his gratitude to the Governing Body for their support with the Board of Education. Mr. Gentile reported that he attended the Monroe Township Mayor and Council Meeting and learned that there was a possibility that Jamesburg residents may lose access to recreation programs as a result of any changes to the send/receive status. Mr. Gentile asked the Governing Body what else can be done to resolve the situations. Mayor LaMantia reiterated his earlier comments regarding contacting the DOE and Governor's Office. Council President Kostbar reported that they were also trying to arrange a meet with legislators.

Mr. Paul Bouzane, 235A Dayton Road – Mr. Bouzane asked the Mayor for clarification of the possibility of using a court order to address the issue. The Mayor indicated that this was a possibility; however, absent a response from the Governor's Office and/or the Department of Education, we remain unsure of all potential options available.

Mr. Sandy Sussman, 124 Buckelew – Mr. Sussman shared his personal history as a resident in the Borough reflecting on raising his children in a relatively crime-free environment. Mr. Sussman opined that this crime-free existence was in a large part due to the efficacy of the police department. Mr. Sussman stated that \$9,000 was a small price to pay for the police to retain the use of cell phones in order to do their jobs.

Mr. Eliot Stroul, 110 Mendoker Drive – Mr. Stroul asked if there was an update on the grant related to the Buckelew Mansion; Council President Kostbar reported that there was not. Mr. Stroul asked if there was an update on the Governing Body's response to his recommendations for the Farmers' Market. Mayor LaMantia reported that there was no update. Mr. Stroul opined that the cost of transporting students is high and should be a factor under consideration. Mayor LaMantia reiterated that this was a topic to be discussed with the school board.

Ms. Cathy Sloman, 71 Mayberry Avenue, Monroe – Ms. Sloman commented that the \$600,000 was not a lot to ask...Mayor LaMantia interrupted reiterating the role of the Governing Body and the extent to which they are involved in the process. Ms. Sloman emphasized the severity of a change to the send/receive status in Jamesburg including the impact on tuition, transportation, etc. Mayor LaMantia reiterated the need for the public to address these concerns to the Board of Education.

Mr. Paul Rasky, 26 Davison Avenue – Mr. Rasky asked if the Governing Body and the BOE could work together. Council President Kostbar reported that they are working with the BOE yet obtaining school aid is not typically a Mayor and Council responsibility. Mr. Rasky suggested that a member of the BOE should also attend a meeting with the Governor's Office DOE. Mayor LaMantia agreed and reported that if such a meeting is scheduled they would certainly keep the public informed. Mayor LaMantia also encouraged the members of the public to reach out to the County Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Robert Boulogne, Ridgeview – Mr. Boulogne referenced a recent article in the Home News Sunday Section and encouraged the members of the Governing Body and the public to read it.

Mr. Brian Taylor, 11 Hillside Avenue – Mr. Taylor directed a question to Borough Attorney Youssouf regarding the PERC's position on the compensable nature of calls made to a public employee on their personal cell phone or home phone. Borough Attorney Youssouf responded noting that salaried employees can be contacted 24/7 and would be compelled to, within reason, be available. Attorney Youssouf further noted that in the case of an hourly employee a claim

could potentially be made for overtime. Mr. Taylor directed a question to Council Member Carpenter reiterating his question as to whether council members would consider reducing their pay in an effort to help the budget. Attorney Youssouf interjected that such an action is indeed within the Mayor and Council's purview. Mayor LaMantia reported that nothing on this topic had been discussed. Council Member Deans stated that she had conducted some research and had obtain data from Administrator Jawdzik which suggested that the last increase to the Mayor and Council's compensation was twenty years ago.

Mr. Jim Eldridge, 9 Birchwood Road – Mr. Eldridge reported that the baseball season is underway and asked for an increase in police presence at the games. Mr. Eldridge commented that if the school budget is voted down and comes to the Mayor and Council for consideration, that the Governing Body work closely with the BOE in an effort to avoid the possibility of people leaving the Borough of Jamesburg.

Ms. Cathy Sloman, 71 Mayberry – Ms. Sloman asked if the Department of Homeland Security was a potential source for providing cell phones to the Borough. Mayor LaMantia informed her that this was not a possibility.

Mr. Tom Van de Sande - 2 Fernwood Lane – Mr. Van de Sande asked why the meeting scheduled during the dinner hour. Mayor LaMantia responded that the Governing Body would consider a later start for future meetings. Mr. Van de Sande asked for a monthly sewer report. Administrator Jawdzik reported that there is a monthly report included in the Governing Body's meeting packets each month. Mr. Van de Sande asked that all resolutions be placed on the Borough's website. Administrator Jawdzik responded that the borough does not presently have the manpower to affect this. Mr. Van de Sande asked for an update on the budget. Ms. Jawdzik reported that the public hearing is set for May 11, 2011 with a final vote and potential adoption set for July.

Mr. Brian Wright, 32 Dayton Road – Mr. Wright introduced himself as the OEM Coordinator for the Borough and expressed to the Governing Body and the public the critical need for a cell phone in order to carry out his responsibilities as OEM Coordinator. Mayor LaMantia reported that employees will be required to supply the Borough with a phone number where they can be reached in case of an emergency. Mr. Wright responded that he felt \$9,000 was worth the safety of employees and borough residents.

Chief Martin Horvath – Chief Horvath reminded the Governing Body that they had offered to reduce their Borough supplied cell phones by 13 or 14. The Chief reported that police officers will not give personal phone numbers to informants and/or less than desirable individuals. The Chief asked for clarification of the actual tax savings to residents by reducing the budget by \$9,000. It was reported that for each \$24,000 worth of reduction to the budget results in a \$.01 reduction in taxes. Council Member Deans noted that small cuts throughout the budget are needed and that we have to start somewhere. The Chief commented that the police budget was already a carcass and that there was no room for any additional cuts. The Chief, responding to Mr. Eldridge's earlier comments, assured Mr. Eldridge that the police will make every effort to be a presence at the ball games.

Ms. Wendy Barbely, 118 Perrineville Road – Ms. Barbely reported that she reviewed her tax bills over the last several years noting a total increase of \$265. Ms. Barbely noted that in light of the increase, she feels strongly that cell phones are a critical tool to ensure the public's safety. Ms. Barbely suggested the Governing Body focus on something more meaningful.

Mr. Sandy Sussman, 124 Buckelew – Mr. Sussman reported that the retention of cell phones for the Borough would result in 1/3 of \$.01.

Detective Kevin Wilson – Detective Wilson detailed the nature of the types of calls made/received using his Borough issued cell phone emphasizing that without the cell phone his job could not be effectively carried out. Detective Wilson asked if going forward without a Borough issued phone, was he to submit an invoice to the Borough for the cost to use his own phone for Borough business.

Mr. Bernie Long, - Mr. Long emphasized the importance of having a cell phone when faced with an overcrowding issue. Mr. Long further reported the difficulty in reaching him at home since he turns his home phone off at night. Mr. Long reported that there will be a loss in service to the Borough as a result of this change.

Mr. Paul Rasky, 26 Davison Avenue – Mr. Rasky asked that the Governing Body address the question of the Farmers' Market noting that he believes it to be a nice feature to the town and that he was in favor of having it on Railroad Avenue. Council President Kostbar commented that Borough liability was the issue.

Mr. Tom Van de Sande - 2 Fernwood Lane – Mr. Van de Sande asked that the Governing Body consider the cost to close the street for the Farmers' Market. Mr. Van de Sande commented that the building that we're in has been paid for yet we have not seen a reduction in our taxes.

Ms. Dawn Reynolds, 14 Sedgewick – Ms. Reynolds opined that the Police cannot do their job without the proper tools and that she considered cell phones a tool they need. Ms. Reynolds commented that the public should be given the opportunity to vote on this topic. Ms. Reynolds asked about summer camps in the borough. Mayor LaMantia reported that the program was no longer being funded and that the recreation programs that are offered are being run independently. Council Member Deans assured Ms. Reynolds that security is not being compromised due to the removal of cell phones from the police department. Ms. Deans commented that the police department is not run by cell phones and that she was sure that the Borough Administrator would make a good decision in determining who would get the three free phones. Ms. Jawdzik stated that she was not in agreement with the decision to reduce the Borough's inventory of phones to three, however, that if only three phones were available it was her recommendation that they be allocated to the road department.

Mr. Eliot Stroul, 110 Mendoker Drive – Mr. Stroul stated that he fully understands the mission of the Governing Body to cut the budget but that he feels strongly that the Governing Body cannot dismiss the will of the people. Mr. Stroul noted that it was clear that the people present in the room disagree with the decision related to the cell phones. Responding to Mr. Van de Sande's earlier comment, Mr. Stroul reported that there is no cost to the Borough to provide a Farmers' Market. Council President Kostbar asked about the road closure and the need for police presence. Mayor LaMantia suggested that they meet with the Chief after the meeting to discuss in more detail. The Chief, Mr. Stroul and Council President Kostbar agreed.

Mr. Tom Van de Sande - 2 Fernwood Lane – Mr. Van de Sande asked if the cell phone issue could be a point of negotiation for the Police and DPW contracts. Council President Kostbar stated that we are not putting that item under contract. Borough Attorney Youssouf interjected that he thought radios were the primary form of communication for the police department and that perhaps what the Governing Body should be considering is what was done before cell phones.

Lt. Craparotta – Lt. Craparotta commented that the police are in need of four (4) cell phones in order to operate effectively. Prior to cell phones, Lt. Craparotta reported, the department use pagers. Lt. Craparotta reported that the cost of four (4) cell phones is \$1,600 annually. Council Member Newton commented that learning that the number of cell phones increased from 3 to 23 was of concern to them. Mayor LaMantia corrected Council Member Newton informing him that the original decision was to enter into an agreement for 17 phones total, 3 of which would be provided free. Council Member Carpenter commented that the use of the phones for personal reasons was of concern to her.

Ms. Monica Ludwig, 5 West Church – Ms. Ludwig voiced opposition to holding the Farmers' Market on Railroad Avenue due to the inconvenience of having the road closed; voiced support for the Market but feels it should be held at the church.

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Council President Kostbar

Seconded By: Council Member Deans

All in favor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Proposed By: Council President Kostbar

Seconded By: Council Member Busco

All in favor.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:

8:41 PM