

**BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
MAY 11, 2011  
7:00 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 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:** To be 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

**2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

**MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

Proposed By: Council Member Carpenter  
Seconded By: Council Member Ludas  
All in favor.

Mr. Tom Van de Sande - 2 Fernwood Lane – Mr. Van de Sande asked if the Mayor and Council had received the state aid numbers. Mayor LaMantia replied that the numbers had yet to be received. Mr. Van de Sande further inquired about the sources of revenue. Administrator Jawidzik responded indicating that in addition to the sources noted, there are miscellaneous revenues anticipated.

Mr. Brian Taylor – 11 Hillside Avenue – Mr. Taylor inquired as to the status of all employee contracts and asked how a salary ordinance could be passed if all contracts had not been settled. Administrator Jawidzik responded explaining that it is typical for estimates to be made and in the event that amendments are needed, they can be made.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Proposed By: Council Member Carpenter  
Seconded By: Council Member Newton  
All in favor.

**1<sup>ST</sup> 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 Newton

All in favor.

Mr. Brian Taylor – 11 Hillside Avenue – Mr. Taylor, referring to Resolution #129-05-11-11, asked if any employee raises are included in the resolution. Mayor LaMantia responded that no raises are being recommended. Mr. Taylor inquired as to whether any salary reductions were being made. Mayor LaMantia responded that the salary for the Registrar position was being reduced. Mr. Taylor asked the Council how it was determined that the salary for this position be reduced. Council President Kostbar, representing the Personnel Committee, reported that other towns were contacted to determine the pay of other Registrars and that the Personnel Committee also looked at the job description and concluded that they could not justify the current pay. Council Member Carpenter interjected that the reduction was not a reflection of the incumbent’s performance and that they are very happy with the employee, but that they were looking for cost savings. Mr. Taylor asked if the same analysis was applied to all positions in the Borough. Council President Kostbar replied in the affirmative.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT**

Proposed By: Council Member Busco

Seconded By: Council Member Newton

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 April 13, 2011, and published in the April 22, 2011 edition of the Cranbury Press. Copies have been posted on the municipal bulletin board and made available to the public since introduction.

**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.

Upon opening of the Public Hearing, Council President Kostbar called for a Motion to Table the Ordinance citing the need for alterations.

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

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING BY TITLE (Public Hearing set for June 8, 2011)**

**ORDINANCE #09-11**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REMEDIATION OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SITES AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$30,000 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION TO INTRODUCE	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			

**ORDINANCE #10-11**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SEDGWICK STREET AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$269,000 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION TO INTRODUCE	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			

**ORDINANCE #11-11**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A FEE SCHEDULE FOR RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT RE-INSPECTIONS AND RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INITIAL PLAN REVIEWS BETWEEN THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS THE CONTRACTING AGENCY AND THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION TO INTRODUCE	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			

#132-05-11-11

Resolution Permitting the Mayor and Council to Exclude the Public from a Portion of the Public Meeting

Attorney Youssouf informed the Mayor and Council that he has asked for an Executive Session to discuss Lawyer/Client Privileged Material.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	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:**

- #117-05-11-11\*\* Accept Minutes of April 13, 2011
- #118-05-11-11\*\* Redemption of Tax Liens
- #119-05-11-11\*\* Authorize Refunds for Tax Overpayments
- #120-05-11-11\*\* Payment of Vouchers
- #121-05-11-11\*\* Cancellation of Grant
- #122-05-11-11\*\* Accepting Monthly Reports
- #123-05-11-11\*\* Temporary Emergency Appropriations

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Council President Kostbar			Y
Council Member Busco			Y
Council Member Carpenter			Y
Council Member Deans			Y
Council Member Ludas	X		Y
Council Member Newton		X	Y

**NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

#124-05-11-11                      Reduction of Cell Phone Inventory

Mayor LaMantia voiced his concern for the passing of this resolution. Mayor LaMantia cited two incidents occurring in the last one and one-half weeks that were hindered by the inability to communicate via cell phone. Mayor LaMantia stated that he believes the police should have cell phones and in the event that they are used for personal use, the police will be billed accordingly. Council Member Carpenter reported that the Personnel Committee is looking into the possibility of the Department of Public Works using Walkie-Talkies. Council President Kostbar stated that the decision has already been made and that this resolution was simply to memorialize the decision. Council President Kostbar noted that the issue can always be re-opened.

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Council President Kostbar	X		Y
Council Member Busco			N
Council Member Carpenter		X	Y
Council Member Deans			Y
Council Member Ludas			Y
Council Member Newton			Y

#125-05-11-11                      Approving Payment of Certificate No. 7 – Final – Buckelew Mansion

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Council President Kostbar			Y
Council Member Busco			Y
Council Member Carpenter		X	Y
Council Member Deans			Y
Council Member Ludas	X		Y
Council Member Newton			Y

#126-05-11-11                      Amend General Business Resolution

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Council President Kostbar			Y
Council Member Busco		X	Y
Council Member Carpenter			Y
Council Member Deans			Y
Council Member Ludas	X		Y
Council Member Newton			Y

#131-05-11-11                      Accept Interlocal Agreement – Animal Control Services – Borough of Helmetta

Mayor LaMantia commented that in light of all the recent discussions regarding cost savings, this agreement will cost the Borough more than the current animal control officer. The Mayor cited nine of twelve calls that fall outside of the 7:00 pm – 3:00 pm limit which would result in an increased cost. The Mayor also noted that the shelter fees in the agreement are higher. The Mayor commented that he did not believe this was a good way to go for the Borough. Council Member Ludas reported that she has received complaints from a few area business owners about stray cats. Council Member Newton voiced concern that while the animal control officer, Mr. Intravartola, is responding to an animal control issue, he is unable to fulfill his duties in the DPW. Mayor LaMantia reported that he is unaware of any complaints about the animal control position or the DPW position not being effectively fulfilled. Council Member Newton interjected that he is officially complaining and feels that by contracting with Helmetta, the Borough will get their full-time DPW Foreman



Mayor LaMantia commended Ms. Jawidzik for another year of an audit resulting in no comments or recommendations. He informed the Governing Body that this was the tenth year that this has been achieved.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Council President Kostbar			Y
Council Member Busco			Y
Council Member Carpenter		X	Y
Council Member Deans			Y
Council Member Ludas	X		Y
Council Member Newton			Y

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT**

Council President Kostbar referred the Governing Body to a letter distributed pertaining to an incident related to the placement of political signs. Council President Kostbar suggested that an Ordinance be reinstated that bans placing signage on Borough property. Council Member Newton suggested that it was not just an issue with political signs. Council Member Carpenter reminded the Governing Body that the Parade Committee intended to place signs on Borough property. Mayor LaMantia noted that an Ordinance prohibiting this action would not be put in place prior to the Parade.

**COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- COMMITTEES ON FINANCE/GRANTS and INFRASTRUCTURE  
Council President Kostbar

Council President Kostbar reported that the CDBG Grant will be reduced by approximately \$10,000.

- POLICE COMMITTEE/COMMISSIONER and COMMITTEE ON ETHICS  
Council Member Deans

Council Member Deans reported that the committee met with the police to discuss the location request for the Farmer’s Market. Ms. Deans reported that the Police continue to voice concern over public safety and therefore recommend that the Governing Body deny this request. Council Member Deans reported that the Police Committee supports this recommendation.

Council Member Deans reported that they are still in need of two additional members for the Ethics Committee

- COMMITTEES ON PERSONNEL/POLICY  
Council Member Newton

Council Member Newton reported that during Executive Session, the Governing Body received advice from Borough Counsel pertaining to compliance with state statutes. Mr. Newton further reported that the Police contract and Chief of Police Contracts are still pending.

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

No report.

- COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EVENTS  
Council Member Carpenter

Council Member Carpenter reported on the following:

- § Memorial Day Parade – only 19 days left until Memorial Day; there are 24 confirmed marching units; parade announcement signs have been purchased and will be posted this Saturday; flags will be placed on veteran grave stones by the Legion and girl and boy scouts; memorial wreaths will be placed in parks and in front of Borough Hall; the parade will be led by the Police Chief or Lieutenant; Monroe Township stage will be used for the ceremony and will be set up by our DPW.
- § Jamesburg Fall Festival – October 2, 2011 from 12:00 to 5:00
- § Library – has recently received additional computers for public use; computer classes focusing on Job Search Skills, also funded by the Economic Recovery Act, are scheduled to begin on Monday, May 16; the children's reading area is being reconfigured using bookshelves purchased from the recently closed Borders Bookstore; Classes from JFK & GMB schools are continuing to visit the Library; summer reading programs are in place; the Library will have a float in the Memorial Day Parade; Director Evalina recently attended a workshop on how libraries can support their community's economic recovery; Director Evalina spoke at the Superintendent's Forum discussing a program that encourages children to read through the use of Disney movies and books;

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

Council Member Ludas reported on the following:

- § School Election - School Board Reorganization Meeting has been held. The 2011-2012 Budget has passed; Sal Brucato and Linda Newton have been re-elected and William Maresca has been elected; the New Board President is Darren Larsen and the Vice President is Sal Brucato; School Board meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the JFK Library
- § Bomb Threats – recent threats are under police investigation; the Board is taking the incidents very seriously and intends to impose legal and monetary consequences.
- § Testing – testing is underway at JFK; GMB students were tested last week.
- § RFP – the Board approved a Request for Proposal to conduct a feasibility study pursuant to NJSA 18A:38-13, change of designation or allocation and apportionment of high school students.
- § Letters to Area Schools – the Board has sent inquiries to 29 area high schools to determine space availability for Jamesburg students; responses are due back to the Board by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- § Committee – the Board is establishing a new committee, made up of Board members and residents, to select a high school the would meet the proper criteria to send Jamesburg students; the Council Education Committee is prepared to give it's full support
- § Fire Commission – the Commissioner's held a reorganization meeting; new assignments were designated; an audit is currently in progress; the company responded to 10 calls in the past month; 2 drills were conducted.
- § Grant – the fire company has been awarded a \$1,000 Grant
- § Emergency Management Meeting – held May 2, 2011
- § Repeater – the wide band repeater is scheduled for installation in the next few weeks
- § Business Outreach – regular visits to area businesses have been made; a few have expressed safety concerns that have been passed on to the Chief of Police.

- ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT  
Denise Jawidzik

No report.

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

Mayor LaMantia reported that he recently met with the Borough's Judge and learned that the Borough of Jamesburg's court places first in the county in terms of expediting cases. Mayor LaMantia publicly congratulated the Judge and Court Personnel.

**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 Member Carpenter

Seconded By: Council Member Newton

Mr. Joseph Intravartola – 5 Maple Drive – Mr. Intravartola asked the Council that if there was a concern about his abilities to fulfill both the position of animal control officer and DPW foreman, why was he being appointed through June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Council did not respond. Mr. Intravartola informed the Council that he may need to consider resigning his position. Mr. Intravartola asked the Borough Attorney if a council member should abstain from a vote if she had received tickets from him. Attorney Youssouf responded that there was no legal requirement for the Council Member to abstain.

Mr. Sandy Sussman – 124 Buckelew – Mr. Sussman express applause to the Mayor for his efforts on the animal control officer and cell phone issues and express surprise at the Council's position on the two issues. Mr. Sussman suggested that if one of the recent bomb scare false alarms had been real, the savings of 1/3 of a penny makes for penny wise/dollar foolish. Mr. Sussman commented that he felt the votes were motivated by personal reasons versus business reason. Mr. Sussman sited examples of when Mr. Intravartola has been of great value to the community and voiced concern that the loss of his involvement in animal control coupled with the loss of cell phones will prove to be a mistake.

**MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Proposed By: Council President Kostbar

Seconded By: Council Member Busco

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Proposed By: Council Member Newton

Seconded By: Council Member Carpenter

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:** 8:28 PM