

**BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 13, 2011
7:00 PM**

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 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 - Absent
Council Member Carpenter - Present
Council Member Deans - Present
Council Member Ludas - Present
Council Member Newton - Present
Administrator Jawidzik - Present
Borough Attorney Youssouf - Absent

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 Newton
All in favor.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING BY TITLE – PUBLIC HEARING

The following ordinance was approved on first reading at the meeting of the Mayor and Council held on June 8, 2011, and published in the June 17, 2011 edition of the Cranbury Press. Copies have been posted on the municipal bulletin board and made available to the public since introduction.

ORDINANCE #12-11

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

COUNCIL	MOTION TO OPEN	2nd	MOTION TO CLOSE	2nd	MOTION TO ADOPT	2nd	VOTE
Council President Kostbar		X					Y
Council Member Busco							AB
Council Member Carpenter				X		X	Y
Council Member Deans							Y
Council Member Ludas							Y
Council Member Newton	X		X		X		Y

ORDINANCE #13-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXVII, "LAND USE PROCEDURES," OF THE "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, NEW JERSEY," IN ORDER TO CREATE A NEW ARTICLE THEREOF (XXII) ENTITLED "SIGNS."

COUNCIL	MOTION TO OPEN	2nd	MOTION TO CLOSE	2nd	MOTION TO ADOPT	2nd	VOTE
Council President Kostbar		X	X		X		Y
Council Member Busco							AB
Council Member Carpenter							N
Council Member Deans							Y
Council Member Ludas	X					X	Y
Council Member Newton				X			N

ORDINANCE #14-11

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR RESTORATION OF THE BUCKELEW MANSION PHASE II AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$498,000 THEREFOR, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

COUNCIL	MOTION TO OPEN	2nd	MOTION TO CLOSE	2nd	MOTION TO ADOPT	2nd	VOTE
Council President Kostbar			X				Y
Council Member Busco							AB
Council Member Carpenter		X		X		X	Y
Council Member Deans							Y
Council Member Ludas					X		Y
Council Member Newton	X						Y

ORDINANCE #15-11

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	MOTION TO OPEN	2nd	MOTION TO CLOSE	2nd	MOTION TO ADOPT	2nd	VOTE
Council President Kostbar			X			X	Y
Council Member Busco							AB
Council Member Carpenter					X		Y
Council Member Deans							Y
Council Member Ludas		X		X			Y
Council Member Newton	X						Y

ORDINANCE #16-11

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HALF ACRE ROAD AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$36,384 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

COUNCIL	MOTION TO OPEN	2nd	MOTION TO CLOSE	2nd	MOTION TO ADOPT	2nd	VOTE
Council President Kostbar		X	X				Y
Council Member Busco							AB
Council Member Carpenter	X						Y
Council Member Deans							Y
Council Member Ludas						X	Y
Council Member Newton				X	X		Y

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING BY TITLE (Public Hearing set for August 10, 2011)

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:

- #154-07-13-11** Accept Minutes of June 8, 2011 and June 29, 2011
- #155-07-13-11** Approving Payment of Vouchers
- #156-07-13-11** Authorizing Tax Deduction Allowance for Senior Citizen
- #157-07-13-11** Authorizing Tax Deduction Allowance for Veteran
- #158-07-13-11** Redemption of Tax Liens
- #159-07-13-11** Accepting Monthly Reports

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

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

#160-07-13-11

Amending Approved Budget

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

#161-07-13-11

Awarding Contract for Project Design Services for Infrastructure Improvements Through the Safe Routes to Schools Program

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

#162-07-13-11

Awarding Contract for Buckelew Mansion Historic and Architectural Management Services

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

#163-07-13-11

Accepting Agreement with Middlesex County for Acquisition of Personal Radiological Detectors (PRDs)

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

#164-07-13-11

Release of Performance Bond of Core States Group Being Held in Connection with Site Improvements to 230 Forsgate Drive

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

#165-07-13-11

Supporting the *Over the Limit Under Arrest 2011 Statewide Crackdown*

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	VOTE
Council President Kostbar			Y
Council Member Busco			AB
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 reported that Judge Herman has been very well received and all seem quite pleased with his contributions to the court. Council President Kostbar further reported that he, along with Council Members Newton and Carpenter visited the Helmetta Animal Shelter and were quite impressed with what they saw. Mr. Kostbar reported on the first month’s activities and expressed concern about the number of animals taken to the shelter and the increase in shelter fees. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the number of feral cats in the Borough including the potential need for an Ordinance prohibiting feeding stray cats. Council President Kostbar suggested that additional data be gathered to effectively analyze the situation and report more accurately next month.

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- COMMITTEES ON FINANCE/GRANTS and INFRASTRUCTURE
Council President Kostbar

Council President Kostbar reported that the Finance Committee would be meeting next week noting that there were some additional unanticipated legal fees to consider as well as any budget considerations related to the feral cat issue. Mr. Kostbar also noted that they would be looking into the availability of grants for next year for infrastructure projects.

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

Council Member Deans reported on police officer training that is currently underway; expressed thanks to the Police Department for their efforts during the recent 4th of July event that drew crowds in excess of 15,000; and reported that the police radios are in the process of being transferred over to DPW while the new police radio system is being implemented and will be reported on in more detail in September.

- COMMITTEES ON PERSONNEL/POLICY
Council Member Newton

Council Member Newton reported that the police contract negotiations are continuing and noted that every effort is being made to meet and complete these negotiations in order to minimize the potential for retroactive pay adjustments.

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

Mayor LaMantia reported that there was a sewer block on West Railroad on Sunday afternoon that the DPW staff addressed. Council President Kostbar inquired as to whether there were any difficulties getting in contact with DPW personnel. Mayor LaMantia reported that there were some initial problems reaching a DPW member but they were ultimately successful.

- COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EVENTS
Council Member Carpenter

Council Member Carpenter reported on the following:

- § Fall Festival – will be held October 2, 2011 and will be reported on in more detail next month.
- § Tree Lighting – tentative date of December 7, 2011; more will be reported on this event next month.
- § Library – Director Erbe visited GMB School to promote the summer reading program. Council Member Carpenter gave details of the programs offering. Ms. Erbe attended the American Library Association Annual Conference and obtained a wealth of information and free materials for use at the Library including several autographed children's books. The computer class schedule is continuing while the Library also hosts Game Time.
- § County Bus Transit – Ms. Carpenter reported on the recent changes to the M6-Line and the impact to Jamesburg residents.
- § Turnpike Widening – Council Member Carpenter reported on the construction underway to widen the NJ Turnpike and the impact to area traffic.

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

Council Member Ludas reported on the following:

- § Education – Congratulations to those 8th Graders who graduated June 17, 2011; NJASK test results will be available at the end of August; an ad-hoc committee made up of Board Members, parents and a council member has been appointed to research the potential high school receiving districts with a feasibility study scheduled for completion by October 31, 2011; six week summer session is underway at JFK; Council Members Newton, Carpenter and Ludas attended a District Goal Setting Meeting on July 7th which reviewed the success of meeting the 2010/2011 goals and setting goals fro 2011/2012. Council Member Ludas fielded questions regarding the process and procedures of the ad-hoc committee.
- § Safety – Fire Commissioners Meeting held on June 16th reported that the Scot Air packs and new vehicle purchases are moving forward; the Fire Department website is being updated; the Jamesburg Fire Department responded to 18 calls during the month of June

§ Business Outreach – County small business brochures are being distributed throughout the Jamesburg business community.

- ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Denise Jawidzik

Administrator Jawidzik reported that the HVAC and new lighting switches for Borough Hall that were purchased through the Clean Energy Grant have been installed; \$10,135 was recently received from FEMA for reimbursement for the December 26, 2010 storm; the West Railroad Avenue project will be advertised next week for bidding in August..

- MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Anthony LaMantia

Mayor LaMantia reported that he has been in contact with county and state officials who are well aware of the Borough’s concerns (regarding the High School situation) and who are continuing to look into various options for the Borough.

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: Counsel Member Newton
Seconded By: Counsel Member Ludas
All in favor.

Mr. Sandy Sussman – 124 Buckelew – Mr. Sussman inquired as to whether the Mayor and Council would reconsider the agreement with the Borough of Helmetta if they found that it was a bad decision. Council President Kostbar replied “yes” while the Mayor explained the benefit of the “out clause” in the contract. Mr. Sussman also expressed his shared concern about the High School situation and thanked the Mayor and Council for the continued efforts.

Mr. Brian Taylor – 11 Hillside Avenue – Mr. Taylor inquired as to whether it may be more advantageous for the Borough to return to a flat salary for animal control. Council President replied “no” noting that the issue relates to the shelter fees which is a separate budget item apart from animal control. Mr. Taylor further inquired about CSX and potential action that can be taken if they don’t cut the grass on their property. Council President Kostbar shared the discussions that took place with CSX noting that CSX’s solution would be to spray, and in essence kill, the grass to avoid the on-going maintenance of it.

Ms. Patricia Florek – 9 Prospect Street – Ms. Florek inquired as to the availability of the shelter that was used in the past and the cost associated with that option. Council President Kostbar reported that the previously used shelter is not an option since it is closing. Ms. Florek voiced agreement with an Ordinance prohibiting the feeding of stray cats.

Chief Martin Horvath – Chief Horvath inquired about State laws regarding feeding stray animals. Mayor LaMantia and Administrator Jawidzik noted that they were in the process of researching any applicable laws.

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Proposed By: Counsel Member Newton
Seconded By: Counsel Member Ludas
All in favor.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:56 PM