

**BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG**  
**GOVERNING BODY MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**MARCH 14, 2012**  
**7:00 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Marlene Lowande called the meeting to order and announced that same was being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act had 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, members of the audience were 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 Lowande

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Lowande - Present  
Council President Ludas - Present  
Council Member Busco - Present  
Council Member Carpenter - Present  
Council Member Kostbar - Present  
Council Member Newton - Present  
Council Member Taylor - Present  
Administrator Jawidzik - Present  
Borough Attorney Raffetto - Present

**JOINT ANNUAL MUNICIPAL/SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEEDS BUDGET PRESENTATION:**

Members of the School Board were present and gave an overview of the budget and entertained questions from the Governing Body.

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS:**

Autism Awareness Month

**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 – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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

Mr. Tom Van de Sande – 2 Fernwood Lane – Mr. Van de Sande asked for clarification on some of the agenda items including the Dedication by Rider, Farmers Market and the Purchase of a Vehicle. The Administrator and Governing Body Members responded.

Mr. Rich Niven – 42 Hickory Court – Mr. Niven, representing the Little League, reported that they are currently fund raising in an effort to obtain funds to replace the siding on the concession stand.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Proposed By: Council Member Kostbar  
 Seconded By: Council Member Newton  
 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 February 29, 2012, and published in the March 9, 2012 edition of the Cranbury Press. Copies have been posted on the municipal bulletin board and made available to the public since introduction.

**ORDINANCE #04-12**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$30,000 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY**

Mr. Tom Van de Sande – 2 Fernwood Lane – Mr. Van de Sande asked for clarification on what “various equipment” referred to. Administrator Jawidzik informed Mr. Van de Sande that the Ordinance appropriates funds for capital expenditures in general while the resolution authorizes the specific purchase which in this case is in connection with the purchase of a truck for the Department of Public Works.

Council Member Newton – Mr. Newton asked for clarification regarding Section 2, a. Administrator Jawidzik assured the Mayor and Council that this is standard language for the Ordinance and referred them to the Resolution which details the specifics of the purchase being presented for approval.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION TO OPEN	2nd	MOTION TO CLOSE	2nd	MOTION TO ADOPT	2nd	VOTE
Council Member Busco							Y
Council Member Carpenter		X		X			Y
Council Member Kostbar			X		X		Y
Council Member Newton							Y
Council Member Taylor	X						Y
Council President Ludas						X	Y
Mayor Lowande							

**ORDINANCE #05-12**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REMEDIATION OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SITES AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$35,000 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY**

Mr. Elliot Strohl – 10 Mendoker Drive – Mr. Strohl for the location of the underground storage tanks. Ms. Jawidzik responded.

Mr. Tom Van de Sande – 2 Fernwood Lane – Mr. Van de Sande asked who the \$35,000 was being paid to. Ms. Jawidzik listed the potential recipients involved with the remediation effort. Mr. Van de Sande asked for details regarding the

history of this effort and what residents can expect in the future. Ms. Jawidzik offered a summary of what has transpired related to the two sites thus far.

Council Member Newton inquired as to whether the dollars can be used for things other than the remediation. Council Member Kostbar confirmed that the money can only be used for the remediation efforts.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION TO OPEN	2nd	MOTION TO CLOSE	2nd	MOTION TO ADOPT	2nd	VOTE
Council Member Busco							Y
Council Member Carpenter				X		X	Y
Council Member Kostbar			X				Y
Council Member Newton	X						Y
Council Member Taylor					X		Y
Council President Ludas		X					Y
Mayor Lowande							

**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.

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

#086-03-14-12\*\*      Accepting Meeting Minutes – February 29, 2012

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

#087-03-14-12\*\*      Accepting Monthly Reports

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

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

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

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

Council Member Newton – inquired as to whether there would be enough space reserved for the buses. Mr. Strohl responding indicating that they felt confident it would be.

The Mayor and several Council Members commented in favor of the event.

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

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- FINANCE and EDUCATION COMMITTEES  
Council Member Taylor

Council Member Taylor reported that he has met with the Finance Committee as well as the Personnel Committee in regards to the negotiations in connection with the Public Works contract.

- POLICE COMMITTEE  
Council Member Kostbar

No report.

- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
Council President Ludas

Council President Ludas reported that the DPW and Dispatch negotiations are continuing. Ms. Ludas further reported on a Middlesex County Water Resources Association Meeting she recently attended where a non-profit organization called Green Faith gave a presentation. Further, Ms. Ludas reported that the Wastewater Management plan is being updated and the EPA is making small grants available to municipalities to fund projects, training and research to advance the restoration of urban waters.

- PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
Council Member Busco

Council Member Busco reported that the DPW is readying lawn mowers and other equipment for Spring as well as filling pot holes throughout the Borough.

- PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE  
Council Member Carpenter

Council Member Carpenter gave an update on the Library programs including AARP Safe Driving; Bus Trip to Olde New Castle, DE; student visits; and the 50 Year Anniversary events. Ms. Carpenter also gave an update on the Memorial Day Parade event including the Governing Body’s participation and assistance needed in connection with materials and set-up.

- PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Council Member Newton

No report.

- ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT  
Denise Jawidzik

Administrator Jawidzik reported that she had received the second FEMA reimbursement of \$16,200 out of which the Fire Department will receive \$3,300 and the First Aid Squad will received \$2,000. Ms. Jawidzik further reported that the Insurance Company has approved the Buckelew Mansion Hurricane Irene claim and she is awaiting payment. Also, in connection with the Buckelew Mansion, Ms. Jawidzik reported meeting with FEMA in hopes of them funding mitigation efforts to avert this type of disaster in the future including relocating the HVAC system and putting in a new cinder block foundation.

- MAYOR'S REPORT  
Mayor Marlene Lowande

Mayor Lowande announced that Opening Day for Jamesburg Baseball Association will be March 31, 2012 starting with a Parade.

#### **MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

Mr. Elliot Strohl – 10 Mendoker Drive – Mr. Strohl thanked the Governing Body for approving the Farmers' Market and announced that there will be a Civil War display at the Library.

Mr. Tom Van de Sande – 2 Fernwood Lane – Mr. Van de Sande in connection with the last meeting of the Governing Body asked for clarification and details on the LOSAP program, the two (2) new hires in the police department, the Police Chief contract and the PBA contract. Administrator Jawidzik invited Mr. Van de Sande to visit Borough Hall to obtain a copy of the contracts. Mr. Van de Sande asked that the minutes reflect that all of the school board members were not present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Van de Sande also made square mile comparisons of the Borough's police department with other New Jersey municipalities.

Mr. Robert Zarneski –Gatzmer Avenue – Mr. Zarneski appealed to the Governing Body to consider a four-way stop sign on Gatzmer Avenue noting that he's witnessed several near-miss incidents as well as drivers talking and texting on their phones. Council Member Kostbar agreed to discuss with Chief Horvath.

Mr. Elliot Strohl – 10 Mendoker Drive – Mr. Strohl interjected that there is also a need to place 25 MPH signage on West Railroad between Church and Forsgate noting that drivers tend to speed on this portion of the street.

Mayor Lowande reported that the Borough will be receiving approximately 25 signs from the County that state "Slow Down in Our Town" to be placed around town.

Mr. Tom Van de Sande – 2 Fernwood Lane – Mr. Van de Sande also inquired if the bus stop issued had been resolved. Council Member Kostbar shared an update that the only stop approved is at Triangle Park and that we've requested that flag downs be eliminated. Mr. Van de Sande suggested that the Governing Body put pressure on the County regarding the increased traffic through the Borough of Jamesburg on County Roads. The Council discussed various options and

considerations and the history of research on the topic and agreed that the issue would be presented to the Chief for further evaluation. Mr. Van de Sande asked about the status of the railroad crossing and the possibilities for repairs and suggested that the Governing Body contact the County and report that it's an unsafe crossing.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Proposed By: Council Member Kostbar

Seconded By: Council President Ludas

All in favor.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Proposed By: Council Member Kostbar

Seconded By: Council President Ludas

All in favor.

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:**            8:09 PM