

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2012
7:00 PM

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 - Absent
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

JAMESBURG PTA

Mayor Lowande recognized and congratulated the Jamesburg PTA for their fundraising efforts that resulted in raising \$19,000 for the school.

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 – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

Mr. Tom Van de Sande – 2 Fernwood Lane – Mr. Van de Sande requested additional details on several items on the agenda. Borough Administrator Jawidzik and the Mayor and Council responded.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING BY TITLE (Public Hearing set for May 16, 2012):

ORDINANCE #06-12

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WEST RAILROAD AVENUE AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$225,000 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

| COUNCIL MEMBER | MOTION TO INTRO | 2nd | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| Council Member Busco | | | X | | | |
| Council Member Carpenter | | | X | | | |
| Council Member Kostbar | X | | X | | | |
| Council Member Newton | | | X | | | |
| Council Member Taylor | | X | X | | | |
| Council President Ludas | | | | | | X |
| 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:

#092-04-11-12** Accepting Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2012

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

#093-04-11-12** Accepting Monthly Reports

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NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **FINANCE and EDUCATION COMMITTEES**
Council Member Taylor

Council Member Taylor had no report for Finance. On behalf of the Education Committee, Council Member Taylor reported that he attended the School Board meeting where several honor roll students were recognized; reported that Richard Kilpatrick would be replacing a retiring Tom Reynolds as the Schools' Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and announced the names of several scholarship recipients.

- **POLICE COMMITTEE**
Council Member Kostbar

Council Member Kostbar reported that he and Mr. Long attending the CDBG meeting noting that \$33,000 will be forthcoming to the Borough. On behalf of the Police Committee, Council Member Kostbar invited Police Chief Martin to report on the speeding issue in connection with Gatzmer Avenue. Chief Martin reported that he spoke to the DOT regarding the possibility of putting in a 4-way Stop sign and learned that state statute prohibits the use of 4-way Stop signs to regulate speed. In lieu of this option, Chief Martin reported that he is working with the Mayor to put in place a "Slow Down in Our Town" signage campaign which is no cost to the Borough. Council Member Taylor shared details regarding a flashing light approached used in Monroe Township to facilitate safer pedestrian crossing; he agreed to research this program further on behalf of the Borough. Council Member Kostbar reported on the status of the Lake Street Bridge project and the recent complaints regarding mini-bikes. Council Member Kostbar requested an update from Borough Administrator Jawidzik on the funds from FEMA to replace the police vehicle. Ms. Jawidzik reported that she is confident the funds will be forthcoming but that it will take time.

- **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**
Council President Ludas

Council Member Busco reported that negotiations with DPW and Dispatch continue.

- **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**
Council Member Busco

Council Member Busco reported that the DPW is busy with spring clean-up tasks, cleaning and checking sewer and storm drains, and repairing spring/summer equipment. Council Member Busco also reported that the Green Acres Park's restrooms have been cleaned and repaired, the parking spots have been repainted and the baseball field has undergone repairs.

- **PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE**
Council Member Carpenter

Council Member Carpenter gave an update on the Memorial Day Parade preparations reporting that Mayor Lowande will be making opening remarks while the Chief of Police will be leading the parade. Council Member Carpenter also reported on various events in connection with the Library including a visit by Director Erbe to the GMB school, the Civil War display, National Library Week, and the 50th Anniversary event.

- PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Council Member Newton

No report.

- ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Denise Jawidzik

Administrator Jawidzik reported that the NJDOT has approved the Railroad repair project at Forsgate and Buckelew and that the next step is a preconstruction meeting. Ms. Jawidzik also reported that the Borough has been awarded \$225,000 from the NJDOT for the West Railroad Avenue Phase II paving project. Also reported, \$10,000 was received from FEMA for Hurricane Irene debris removal costs.

- MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Marlene Lowande

Mayor Lowande thanked the Jamesburg Baseball Association for their efforts on the opening day event and noted that ideas are being considered to improve the concession stand and reiterated the importance of the Slow Down in Our Town campaign.

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MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Mr. Jerry McCarthy – Jersey Central Power & Light – Mr. McCarthy introduced himself as the Area Manager and invited the Mayor and Council and Administrator Jawidzik to call on him regarding any street lighting, building issues and the like noting that he is readily available to assist the Borough.

Mr. Tom Van de Sande – 2 Fernwood Lane – Mr. Van de Sande inquired on the process, timing and next steps in connection with the Municipal Budget. Ms. Jawidzik gave a brief summary and invited Mr. Van de Sande to attend the May meeting at which a public hearing will be held.

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 Member Taylor
All in favor.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 PM