

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
GOVERNING BODY VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 19, 2021
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting 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, in the event of a fire and pursuant to the N.J. Uniform Fire Code, 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 Lowande

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Lowande
Council President Sussman
Council Member Czarnaki
Council Member Ludas
Council Member Rampacek
Council Member Rutsky
Council Member Shaughnessy
Administrator Frueh
Borough Attorney – Raffetto

MOTION TO OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Ludas
Seconded By: Rampacek

No one from the public wished to speak.

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Rampacek
Seconded By: Ludas

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING BY TITLE – Public Hearing

ORDINANCE #07-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE #06-21 (ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 17, 2021), WHICH ESTABLISHES NEW REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO STORMWATER CONTROL WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, AND AMENDS AND SUPPLEMENTS CHAPTER 25, ENTITLED “STORMWATER CONTROL” OF THE “REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG” ACCORDINGLY.

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the State of New Jersey adopted amendments (the “amendments”) to the State Stormwater Management Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8; and

WHEREAS, each municipality in New Jersey is required to adopt a revised Stormwater Control Ordinance (also referenced as the “SCO”) which reflects the amendments by March 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the “NJDEP”) has prepared a model SCO (the “model ordinance”) to assist municipalities in revising their stormwater control ordinances to reflect the amendments adopted by the State; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2021, the Borough of Jamesburg (also referenced as the “Borough”) adopted on final reading Ordinance #06-21, entitled “An Ordinance Establishing New Requirements Relating to Stormwater Control within the Borough of Jamesburg, and Amending and Supplementing Chapter 25, Entitled ‘Stormwater Control’ of the ‘Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Jamesburg’ Accordingly” (the “Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance is consistent with the amendments and the model ordinance, with limited revisions specific to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, following adoption of the Ordinance, the Borough sent a copy thereof to the Middlesex County Office of Planning (the “Office of Planning”) for its review and approval, as required; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 9, 2021 (the “County letter”), the Office of Planning advised the Borough that the Ordinance had received Conditional Approval pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:8-4.4(c), but that certain limited amendment(s) were required to be adopted by the Borough (as specifically identified in the County letter) in order to ensure that the Ordinance conforms to the requirements of the NJDEP Stormwater Management Rules; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to revise the Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the County letter; and

WHEREAS, the amendment(s) required to be undertaken to the Ordinance are set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Ordinance #06-21, as adopted on February 17, 2021, is hereby amended and supplemented in the limited respect(s) set forth below (additions are shown with underline; deletions are shown with ~~strikeout~~):

25-10. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.

a. Applicability.

Projects subject to review as in Section 25-1.3 of this ordinance shall comply with the requirements of Section 25-10(b) and (c) below.

b. General Maintenance.

1. The design engineer shall prepare a maintenance plan for the stormwater management measures incorporated into the design of a major development.
2. The maintenance plan shall contain specific preventative maintenance tasks and schedules; cost estimates, including estimated cost of sediment, debris, or trash removal; and the name, address, and telephone number of the person or persons responsible for preventative and corrective maintenance (including replacement). The plan shall contain information on BMP location, design, ownership, maintenance tasks and frequencies, and other details as specified in Chapter 8 of the NJ BMP Manual, as well as the tasks specific to the type of BMP, as described in the applicable chapter containing design specifics.
3. If the maintenance plan identifies a person other than the property owner (for example, a developer, a public agency or homeowners' association) as having the responsibility for maintenance, the plan shall include documentation of such person's or entity's agreement to assume this responsibility, or of the owner's obligation to dedicate a

stormwater management facility to such person under an applicable ordinance or regulation.

4. Responsibility for maintenance shall not be assigned or transferred to the owner or tenant of an individual property in a residential development or project, unless such owner or tenant owns or leases the entire residential development or project. The individual property owner may be assigned incidental tasks, such as weeding of a green infrastructure BMP, provided the individual agrees to assume these tasks; however, the individual cannot be legally responsible for all of the maintenance required.
 5. If the party responsible for maintenance identified under Section 25-10(b)(3) above is not a public agency, the maintenance plan and any future revisions based on Section 25-10(b)(7) below shall be recorded upon the deed of record for each property on which the maintenance described in the maintenance plan must be undertaken.
 6. Preventative and corrective maintenance shall be performed to maintain the functional parameters (storage volume, infiltration rates, inflow/outflow capacity, etc.) of the stormwater management measure, including, but not limited to, repairs or replacement to the structure; removal of sediment, debris, or trash; restoration of eroded areas; snow and ice removal; fence repair or replacement; restoration of vegetation; and repair or replacement of non-vegetated linings.
 7. The party responsible for maintenance identified under Section 25-10(b)(3) above shall perform all of the following requirements:
 - (a) maintain a detailed log of all preventative and corrective maintenance for the structural stormwater management measures incorporated into the design of the development, including a record of all inspections and copies of all maintenance-related work orders;
 - (b) evaluate the effectiveness of the maintenance plan at least once per year and adjust the plan and the deed as needed; ~~and~~
 - (c) retain and make available, upon request by any public entity with administrative, health, environmental, or safety authority over the site, the maintenance plan and the documentation required by Sections 25-10(b)(6) and (b)(7); ~~and~~
 - (d) post a two year maintenance guarantee in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.
 8. The requirements of Sections 25-10(b)(3) and (b)(4) above do not apply to stormwater management facilities that are dedicated to and accepted by the municipality or another governmental agency, subject to all applicable municipal stormwater general permit conditions, as issued by the Department.
 9. In the event that the stormwater management facility becomes a danger to public safety or public health, or if it is in need of maintenance or repair, the municipality shall so notify the responsible person in writing. Upon receipt of that notice, the responsible person shall have fourteen (14) days to effect maintenance and repair of the facility in a manner that is approved by the municipal engineer or his designee. The municipality, in its discretion, may extend the time allowed for effecting maintenance and repair for good cause. If the responsible person fails or refuses to perform such maintenance and repair, the municipality or County may immediately proceed to do so and shall bill the cost thereof to the responsible person. Nonpayment of such bill may result in a lien on the property.
- c. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the municipality in which the major development is located from requiring the posting of a performance or maintenance guarantee in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.

BE IT FUTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, subsection or part of this Ordinance is adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

BE IT FUTHER ORDAINED, that the remaining portions of Ordinance #06-21 shall remain in full force and effect except as modified above.

BE IT FUTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication as provided by law.

RECORD OF VOTE

FIRST READING DATE: April 21, 2021

DATE PUBLISHED: April 30, 2021

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Czarneski			X			
Council Member Ludas	X		X			
Council Member Rampacek			X			
Council Member Rutsky			X			
Council Member Shaughnessy		X	X			
Council President Sussman						X
Mayor Lowande						

DATE PUBLIC HEARING HELD: May 19, 2021

DATE SECOND READING HELD: May 19, 2021

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION TO OPEN	2nd	VOTE	MOTION TO CLOSE	2nd	VOTE	MOTION TO ADOPT	2nd	VOTE
Council Member Czarneski			Y			Y			Y
Council Member Ludas	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y		Y
Council Member Rampacek			Y	Y		Y			Y
Council Member Rutsky			Y			Y			Y
Council Member Shaughnessy		Y	Y			Y		Y	Y
Council President Sussman			Y			Y			Y
Mayor Lowande									

Y = YES N = OPPOSED A = ABSTAINED AB = ABSENT

CONSENT AGENDA:

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:

RESOLUTION #070-05-19-21**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONTHLY REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg that the following reports be and are hereby received and filed:

Investment Report	April 2021
Finance Report	April 2021
Report of the Tax Collector	April 2021
Report of the Sewer Administrator	April 2021

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Czarneski			X			
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Rutsky			X			
Council Member Shaughnessy			X			
Council President Sussman	X		X			
Mayor Lowande						

RESOLUTION #071-05-19-21**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has certified and submitted a consolidated bill list for the payment of claims; and

WHEREAS, all vouchers listed herewith have been encumbered and sufficient funds are available for payment; and

WHEREAS, the required signatures of the Department Head or the Committee Chair, the Finance Chairperson, the Vendor, and the Chief Financial Officer, have all been obtained on each voucher on the attached list.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, that the voucher list submitted is hereby approved for payment in the total amount of \$1,917,798.10.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Czarneski			X			
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Rutsky			X			
Council Member Shaughnessy			X			
Council President Sussman	X		X			
Mayor Lowande						

NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #072-05-19-21**

Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Jamesburg Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Billoin Accordance with P.L. 1994, c.72

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has not certified the final amounts of state aid, Jamesburg is unable to adopt the 2021 Municipal Budget and therefore Middlesex County is unable to certify a tax rate for the Borough of Jamesburg, the tax collector will be unable to mail 2021 tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, The Jamesburg Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and has signed the certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Jamesburg Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Borough for the third installment of 2021 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as are permitted and required by P.L. 1994, c.72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3).
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2021 is hereby set at \$15,690,439.63.
3. In accordance with law, the third installment of 2021 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 11, 2021 or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date in which interest may begin to accrue.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Czarneski			X			
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Rutsky			X			
Council Member Shaughnessy	X		X			
Council President Sussman			X			
Mayor Lowande						

- This Resolution was pulled off of the Consent Resolutions by Councilmember Czarneski.
Motion to pull from Consent: Shaughnessy
Second: Rampacek
- CFO Scott Frueh explained we are doing this in order to be able to get our tax bills out to the residents. Adjustments can be made in November

RESOLUTIPN #073-05-19-21

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG APPROVING PAYMENT OF CERTIFICATE #1 2019 NJDOT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Contractor, Earle Asphalt Company, has submitted a partial payment Certificate No.1 for the 2019 NJDOT Road Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed said quantities and is in agreement with same; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer recommends the approval of payment certificate no.1, dated May 4, 2021, in the amount of one hundred, sixty-one thousand, seven hundred seventy-seven and twenty-five cents (\$161,777.25),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg that Payment Certificates No. 1 in the aggregate amount of one hundred, sixty-one thousand, seven hundred seventy-seven and twenty-five cents (\$161,777.25), to be hereby authorized for payment to Earle Asphalt Company.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Czarneski		X	X			
Council Member Ludas	X		X			
Council Member Rampacek			X			
Council Member Rutsky			X			
Council Member Shaughnessy			X			
Council President Sussman			X			
Mayor Lowande						

RESOLUTION #074-05-19-21

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES BE AND ARE HEREBY ACCEPTED AND FILED:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

April 21, 2021

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Czarneski		X	X			
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Rampacek			X			
Council Member Rutsky			X			
Council Member Shaughnessy	X		X			
Council President Sussman			X			
Mayor Lowande						

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE
Council Member Rampacek

Finance Report:

The Mayor and Scott had another meeting with the County about the budget. The County CFO informed us that we can use the Rescue Act plan funds to offset revenue. Due to timing, we will be introducing the budget at the next meeting. We still have not received the draft audit, but we should have it soon.

Library Report:

Marion Sanchez, one of our librarians, is resigning from the library. If you go to the library, make sure to say goodbye to her and wish her well. The library is completing a grant application for building maintenance projects which will be sent in in the beginning of June. Also, the Jamesburg Garden Club will have a junior planting program [on June 29, 12 noon](#), where they will decorate small pots and show the children how to plant and how to take care of their plants.

- EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Council Member Shaughnessy

For our schools, we have all no doubt heard the announcement that New Jersey schools will be compelled to open fully in September. For the rest of the year, however, I would not expect a change

in the learning model in place in Jamesburg Public Schools. Unless Middlesex County Hazard levels are changed, the schools cannot open for lunch nor expand to 5 days in the classrooms.

We have tentative dates for end-of-year ceremonies. The fifth grade moving up ceremony has been scheduled for Monday, June 14 outdoors at JFK. Let's hope the weather cooperates. For the 8th grade ceremony, we will gather at GMB on June 15. June 16th is the rain date. It will be in the evening, in the same location as last year, with the rain garden back drop.

Summer will be active at JFK. The ESY program, for students with IEPs, will run from July 6 through August 9. High 5 will run from July 6 - August 13, and that is from 8 - 4 every day. For that program there is a cost to the students, and Dr. Villani says they're looking to make it a special experience, knowing how much the students have missed out on this year.

What I am most excited to report is a new program. It's called the Passion Project Program. School leaders asked teachers to submit a topic they'd like to teach about, and asked for week-long lesson plans. Jamesburg teachers are taking the time to come to the school over the summer and teach about those things that mean the most to them, and that they know will mean so much to the students. This is expected to be happening over five weeks throughout the summer, and will enroll students at no cost to the families. I am so overwhelmed with this announcement. This is the Jamesburg that we all know and love. Thanks to the schools for greenlighting this, to the administrators for making space for it, and for the teachers for having the passion to do this for our students.

On Thursday, May 27 at 6 pm virtually, there will be a Jamesburg Early Childhood Education Association meeting. This is a group formed to connect the preschool program with the community it serves. I will be attending this meeting as usual, and Madame Mayor, we've both been there for all of the previous meetings, and it's a very positive experience. I am going to have to ask some harder questions this time.

At a recent meeting, it was announced that the Dual Language Immersion program will no longer be a part of the preschool program. In a previous report, I stated that the program would be expanding, and I need to amend that, that turned out not to be the whole story. So I issue this retraction. The program is continuing for many students who have been enrolled in the past, but not for all, and not for a particular class that started with it, and lost it due to the pandemic, and now it seems the school is not planning on offering it to them in any form.

This has been a flagship program for the reinvention of Jamesburg's schools, and there are potentially wide-reaching consequences for eliminating the program. I haven't heard enough from anyone at the schools about why the decision was made, what the plan is for the future, and whether this is an early step that would eventually lead to dismantling the program entirely.

We need more programs like this, not fewer. And speaking of cuts, we are once again not presenting a budget this month. In previous discussions, we have been asked to consider deferring \$100,000 of payments to the schools, and I ask that we consider any alternative aside from that. Our schools have turned in another budget with no increase on the tax burden for our residents. There are budget cuts to be made in other areas, and underfunding our schools would be divisive in a time when it is incumbent upon us to support those who serve our community's most valuable resource: Our children and their future.

- POLICE COMMITTEE
Council President Sussman

Jamesburg doesn't have a lot to offer. We have the best school system; the teachers and administration are great.

Training for our officers continues

May 9-15 is National Police week. Each year between 140-180 officers die in the line of duty.

We honor fallen officers that have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Three police vehicles have been damaged from the baseball games.

- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Council Member Czarneski

Our Business Administrator, Scott Frueh has returned and we all hope he is feeling better. We will continue to monitor CDC guidelines and look to open the Borough to the public once guidelines have been lifted.

- PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Council Member Rutsky

DPW's report for May 19, 2021

Regular maintenance Continues for DPW. Ballfields, parks and downtown are being cut and trimmed. Veterans Park has been cleaned cut, and bushes have been trimmed. The beds are ready for the Garden Club to plant. Flags have also been erected on the monuments. Lights and Electric that were damaged by a drunk driver last summer are still in need of repair at the park. In addition, DPW has helped maintain neglected storefronts buy weed whacking and keeping sewers clear of litter and debris. On this note, I would like to have the borough encourage businesses to maintain their storefronts and grounds. Especially large businesses such as CVS and the strip mall of Dunkin' Donuts. The grounds are in extreme disrepair and it is not fair to residences. Gray Rock's activity also needs to be addressed. They are not maintaining their property and have accumulated piles of broken equipment and debris. Their inventory is linked to the street curb and trucks are being loaded & unloaded on residential Front Street. This often blocks traffic throughout the day. The newly paved street is becoming damaged by large trucks and equipment. We as residents, spend our money at these establishments and in return, our property value should be respected. At the least, such businesses should comply with ordinances that require upkeep and maintenance of the property. I again encourage the borough to address this ongoing situation.

After meeting with Paul Intravartola, DPW supervisor, two major requests we're brought to my attention. Heating and air-conditioning unit at borough hall is broken which puts us in a time sensitive situation considering elections are coming in June. Jeff Miller classes have been stalled and need to be scheduled and paid for so that he can complete upcoming duties. The grant for the Buckelew house has been received by Hal Soden. It was signed by the Governor back in December. We are excited to be going forward and meeting with the Historical architect. It has also been brought to my attention that there is an outstanding grant. Administrator Frueh, I ask your consideration in this matter. The Historical Association will not be participating in the Memorial Day car parade, however, the Buckelew House has been decorated with new buntings and fresh plantings. Still awaiting insurance claim for the smokehouse. Thank you, Madam Mayor, this concludes my report.

- ENVIRONMENT/ GREEN COMMITTEE:
Council Member Ludas

The community herb garden at the Buckelew House has been enlarged to two raised beds. We are donating the herbs to our downtown restaurants, to help them out in some small way. Many hands made this project possible. I would like to thank Allegiance Garden Shop for their generous donation of soil for the beds. Peter Godfrey for his knowledge of constructing these beds, Valiant Construction for donating the fencing, Paul and Coleen Rutsky, Sue Boulogne, Thomas Emens, Jennie Ludas, and Tina Shaughnessy for their help in building, planting and shoveling. Also thank you to DPW for keeping the grounds in great shape.

I attended the county Water Resources Authority Meeting on May 10, where we reviewed municipal waste water management ordinances. There is a special meeting in June to further review more waste water management ordinances.

The Green Team is planning a downtown and Church Street Clean up in June.

- CHIEF OF POLICE
Chief Craparotta

We are still investigating a robbery on Buckelew Avenue. We received a Court Order warrant for Reginald Burns, age 49. He was arrested on paraphernalia. A burglary on Gatzmer Ave is being investigated.

- ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Scott Frueh

Administrator Frueh has no report.

- PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE / RECREATION / COMMUNITY EVENTS:
Mayor Marlene Lowande

We will be having a car parade on Memorial Day. The start will be at 10:00am and will be the same route as our past parades. Allen Brown is looking into if we can have something at Veterans Park after the parade. There will be no speeches. More info will be posted. The Bucklew House looks great. The Historic Association is doing a great job. I have contacted the County regarding vehicles getting damaged from the baseball field. I have asked if they could possibly put up a net.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Cannabis Legislation

MOTION TO OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Ludas
Seconded By: Shaughnessy

Elliott Stroul – 110 Mendoker Drive – Mr. Stroul is a citizen and a tax payer. He does not see how financially this will be good for Jamesburg. To make \$20,000 you would have to sell a million dollars’ worth. Where do we even have a place in town for this?

Shannon Spillane – 29A Lincoln Ave. – Ms. Spillane is a resident, Crossing Guard and on the Land Use board. The roads are busy enough in town. Having an all-cash business is a high target for robbery. Who is to say they would report all their income to the Federal Government? Security and cost would be high. The larger towns like Monroe have the police and the space for it. Our town is just too small and we can’t handle it.

David Smiley – 42 Shadybrook Drive- Wykoff, NJ – Mr. Smiley would like to open in Jamesburg. He would apply for a “Cultivation License” and would work in the industrial part of the town. He would have a 24-hour security guard on site and have cameras everywhere. He understands the concerns of a dispensary in town and he agrees it is not good for Jamesburg. The money you can make could help with programs in the schools that were cut. Mayor Lowande explained we do not have an industrial area in Jamesburg. Councilmember Czarneski is interested in learning more about what he has to offer the town.

Greg Ludwig – 5 West Church Street – Mr. Ludwig feels having a dispensary will decrease the value of homes. HE is also concerned about the smell in town. We have small police department. The town is a walking district for children in school and exposing them to the smell would not be good. He does not want Jamesburg to be an experiment town for this.

Joe Dillon – 7 Hillside Ave. – Mr. Dillon has been in Jamesburg a long time. He has a medicinal marijuana card. He is the owner of Simply Ink Tattoo shop. There are businesses closing every day in this town. There are plenty of vacant buildings and parking along Railroad Ave. This town could be a nice town like Red Bank where you can walk from business to business. This will be revenue to your town. Please be open minded.

Bertin Lefkovic – 27 Lake Street - Mr. Lefkovic feels since marijuana is legal people will consume it whether it is sold in house or not. Monroe is opening a medicinal facility. Having a facility will not change the culture of the town. If you need to ban temporary, I understand until you know a little bit more about it. He would like a non-binding referendum placed on the ballot in November.

Frances McGowan – 108 Brookview Circle – Mr. McGowan is all for a dispensary in town. He feels the economic relief will be beneficial. Alcohol is sold in town and is more dangerous and causes more fatalities.

John Walker – 65 Half Acre Road – Mr. Walker has concerns with Jamesburg being a small town and not having the resources to deal with what a dispensary could bring. There are too many uncurtains. We should wait until we can learn more about this. Maybe look at it again in another year. There will be parking and traffic issues, odors, complaints, just to name a few.

Rosemarie Spillane – 29A Lincoln Ave. – Ms. Spillane has lived in town since 1970. She has seen the worst and the best in town. She is not for a dispensary in town. The traffic will be worse, there are small children walking to and from school. It will not be beneficial.

Chief Craparotta – Chief Craparotta had a lot of items to touch on. HE invited his Dare officer and Police captain to also speak tonight. He feels we cannot handle all the mandates, training and crimes that will go along with having a dispensary in town. Impaired driving will increase. In Colorado alone there have been 150% more deaths due to marijuana. The cost for one DUI arrest is very expensive. It takes many hours to investigate, not to mention court. All this is police overtime. People will smoke while driving, complaints from residents and businesses about the smoke will increase. This would be an all-cash business which leads to more crime. Chief Craparotta is not for having this in town.

Sergeant Kevin Wilson - DARE Officer- Sgt. Wilson has been the DARE officer for 20 years. Children's brains are not fully developed until they are in their 20's. He has dealt with many families over the years who had children with issues from drugs or alcohol. Having a facility in town that will make it more easily assessable for an adult to purchase it for them is not a good idea. Jamesburg is not the place for this. There will be no financial gain. We do not have an industrial area in town to have a facility like this. This would be a financial burden to the police department.

Louis Ceras – Captain – Captain Ceras grew up in the area. There will be issues with this. This is a walking district for children to go to and from school. They will be going home smelling like smoke if this is allowed in town. Our restaurants have outside dining. No one wants to be having dinner and smelling the smoke. Most people are not responsible and won't wait to go home to smoke. Do we want people driving high while children are walking to and from school? This will affect property value. We have out a lot of time into cleaning up our town. We do not need this here.

Mayor Marlene Lowande asked the Council Members to share their thoughts on this subject.

Daria Ludas – Surveyed the businesses. Out of 21 responses 13 wouldn't mind having it, 8 do not want it. She would like to learn more about it before giving her opinion.

Samantha Rampacek – She does not want to be rushed into making a decision. Would like more time to do proper research. Doe not want Jamesburg to be n experiment town. We can opt out now and always look into it again at a later date. She suggested making a sub-committee to help with the decision.

Coleen Rutsky – Thanked everyone for their opinions. This was a very informative meeting. People seem to think Council has already made up their minds, we have not. Thank you to Council and Mayor for doing your due diligence.

Peter Shaughnessy - Asked the process after voted on. Attorney Fred Raffetto explained you can opt out or allow. AN Ordinance would amend the Land Use and Zoning section of code. This must go to the Land Use board for review after introduced. We must act by August 21st. Councilmember Shaughnessy feels this is a lot to consider in such a short time frame. He thanked everyone for expressing their thoughts. I do not take this lightly. We all love this town and want what is best for it.

Laura Czarneski – Thank you to everyone for your input. This is not going away. I have not made a decision yet. She asked if we opt out, how quick can we opt back in? Fred Raffetto explained is we opt out there is no set time to opt back in. We have 5 years to opt back in. If we are to add a non-binding referendum to the ballot in November, we should adopt a resolution and send to the county board by mid-August

Mayor Marlene Lowande – Mayor Lowande ended the meeting with thanking everyone for their input. If we opt out now, we will have some wiggle room to get more answers. If we don't ban now, we are stuck for 5 years. It's too new and I don't feel we have enough answers. I don't want to be an experiment. There are lots of unknowns. Thank you Police and Council.

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Rutsky
Seconded By: Shaughnessy

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Proposed By: Rmpacek
Seconded By: Shaughnessy

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 8:51PM

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