

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2013
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 Carpenter
Council Member Busco
Council Member Kostbar
Council Member Ludas
Council Member Sussman
Council Member Taylor
Administrator Jawidzik
Borough Attorney Raffetto

FLAG PRESENTATION: Commander Allan Brown presented Mayor Lowande and Council with a newly purchased American Flag for Veteran's Park. Commander Brown also advised that all POW flags should be taken down, as they should only be flown during certain commemorative holidays and not flown all the time. Mayor and Council thanked Commander Brown and the American Legion for their generosity.

BUDGET WORKSHOP: Administrator Jawidzik explained that currently the budget stands at a 6.7 cent increase which is 3.94% more than the 2012 budget, this represents an \$82.89 increase for the year for the average home. The Borough is anticipating \$800,000 in surplus as compared to last year's \$280,000. This is available due to the sale of the cell tower lease for \$664,000. We are also anticipating the \$31,500 that we have already received from FEMA and if we receive more before the final adoption we can adjust that revenue. Appropriations without grants and the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes were \$4,700,000 in 2012 and are \$5, 213,366 in 2013 – with a net increase of \$513,366. We have to budget an additional \$240,000 in the tax budget and \$76,000 in the sewer budget to cover the outstanding charges at the MUA and the anticipated increase in costs for 2013 as discussed at the last meeting. Because the sewer budget can only spend the amount of money it raises from sewer bills, many items that we previously paid out of the sewer budget now have to be moved to taxes. They include Audit- \$17,000 and Health & Liability Insurance - \$63,000. We also have to pay the \$50,000 for the emergency we declared from Superstorm Sandy. Other increased costs include: Pension - \$16,000, Health - \$25,000, Capital - \$40,000 and Reserve Uncollected Taxes - \$87,000. Future items for tax stabilization: Police chief retires at the end of 2014, six more employees are eligible to retire over the next five years, Monroe MUA debt payment is reduced by \$62,000 in 2015 and another \$50,000 in 2018, employee health contributions double in 2014 and again in 2015, and we expect to sell a portion of our sewer capacity to Helmetta this year for approximately \$40,000-\$60,000.

Council Member Kostbar asked how does this look for CAP; Administrator Jawidzik responded that we are within CAP. Council Member Kostbar inquired if pension costs were also going up since health care costs increased; Administrator Jawidzik responded that one came down and the other went up, a drastic increase has not been seen, employee contributions are offsetting it. Administrator Jawidzik explained further. Council Member Kostbar mentioned that capital is going up by \$40,000; Administrator Jawidzik explained that the additional cost is because of the underground storage tank that is required by DEP, the purchase of a new police vehicle, and the need for new tires for the DPW loader. Council Member Kostbar agreed that a new police vehicle is a definite need. Council Member Kostbar also inquired about the sale of a portion of our sewer capacity to Helmetta; Administrator Jawidzik explained that Helmetta does not have enough sewer capacity for the redevelopment that Kaplan is doing to the Snuff Mill property, and Jamesburg does, and since we are done building here in town we can sell a portion of our sewer capacity to Helmetta.

Council Member Taylor asked about how much FEMA has reimbursed the Borough in past instances; Administrator Jawidzik responded that we have only received 35%, by law we are supposed to receive 75%. We have only received 35% for Irene; they never showed us any final paperwork but assuming that

what they reported to be accurate we were only reimbursed by 35%. Our first application for Sandy we received 45%, which we were counting on receiving 75% to replace all of the money that we spent for this storm. The federal government is either not paying at 75% or the State is not paying it. We are only at 45%, which is quite a bit of money that was expected to be used in this year's budget.

Council Member Taylor also inquired about the Monroe MUA bill, in which Administrator Jawidzik responded that she is still fighting the bill and waiting on a response from them.

Mayor Lowande encouraged all of council to look through the budget and ask questions. Administrator Jawidzik reminded that we will be introducing the budget at the March 13th meeting.

1ST PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – 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 per citizen.

Motion Open to Public Comment:

Proposed By: Kostbar

Seconded By: Carpenter

All in Favor

Joe Valdes – 191 Gatzmer Avenue: Mr. Valdes voiced his concern over the cuts that have been made at the library, as the hours have been cut by 20%. He highlighted the importance of keeping the library open full-time as it provides a place for children to go to after school, as well as, a plethora of programs for everyone, including computer usage for people looking for jobs. Mr. Valdes provided a petition that has been signed by roughly 70 residents to keep the library open full-time and has asked that the library budget be increased by \$20,000. Council Member Kostbar asked for clarification on what the \$20,000 would be used for, as it is assumed that part of it would be utilized for salaries; Mr. Valdes clarified. *Inaudible*. Council Member Kostbar asked if there was a correlation between the state aid given and the census results.

Carole Hetzell – 36 Woodland Road: In response to Council Member Kostbar's question - Mrs. Hetzell clarified how the census affects the state aid given to the library. There was a drop in population according to the last census records, which Council Member Kostbar asked what the difference was, Administrator Jawidzik responded that it dropped about 100 people. Council Member Kostbar explained that the census results seemed counterintuitive as the rates for enrollment in schools have risen but the Census is telling us that our population dropped. Council Member Kostbar suggested that Mayor Lowande may want to look into addressing that issue. Mrs. Hetzell explained that the state aid is based on the 2010 census results and clarified that the library is hurting with the cuts it has made, especially the loss of the hours. Services have been cut, salaries have not increased, and employees have left due to the cuts. Mrs. Hetzell implored the Mayor and council to do what they can to help give the library more money. Council Member Kostbar mentioned that for every \$23,000 in increased spending we have to raise a penny.

Tom Van de Sande – 2 Fernwood Lane: Mr. Van de Sande asked about the increase to the general fund and increase in spending for various departments. Administrator Jawidzik responded and advised if he wanted a breakdown he could obtain a copy of the budget information at the end of the meeting. Mr. Van de Sande asked for clarification; Administrator Jawidzik clarified that the entire budget increased by \$513,000, in which, \$240,000 being the MUA bill, \$50,000 for the emergency declaration, with an increase in other revenues and areas. Mr. Van de Sande asked if that had an impact on the budget to which Administrator Jawidzik explained that everything impacts the budget. Mr. Van de Sande asked what cuts are being made to offset the tax rate increase; Council Member Taylor responded that everything is still a work in progress; Administrator Jawidzik added that the \$664,000 sale of the cell tower has been helpful, Council Member Taylor also added the sale of a portion of the sewer capacity will also be helpful and there are two things that have to happen, being cutting and looking for other revenue sources, and currently the Mayor and council are looking under every place we can. Mr. Van de Sande asked how much compensation is willing to be given back to offset the tax rate increase. Mayor Lowande, Council Member Taylor and Council Member Kostbar responded that that has not been discussed and will be voted on collectively. Mr. Van de Sande asked who has the final say *inaudible*; also if Mayor and council received any committee department budgets. Council Member Kostbar explained that the committees do not have any budget reports, the departments do. Mr. Van de Sande asked if there is any concern over the impact the tax increase will have on the business owners in town, to which Council Member Taylor reiterated that yes, there is a concern and that has been discussed previously. Council Member Taylor also gave Mr. Van de Sande a handout of comparable size small towns in Middlesex, Mercer and Monmouth counties giving an average of their school, municipal, and overall taxes. Mr. Van de Sande suggested that the handout would be more useful to the council than to him. Council Member Kostbar asked if the personnel committee has discussed salary increases for non-union employees, to which Council Member Ludas responded that that has not been discussed yet.

Henry Pindo, Business Owner of JMS Taxi LLC – 180 Buckelew Avenue: Mr. Pindo was advised by Mayor Lowande and Council Member Kostbar that this public comment portion of the meeting was for Agenda items only and he would have a chance to address his concerns about his limousine service during the second public comment portion of the meeting where any item can be brought up for discussion.

Motion to Close to Public Comment:

Proposed By: Taylor

Seconded By: Ludas
All in Favor

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING BY TITLE (PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR MARCH 13, 2013)

ORDINANCE #04-13

2013 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2% unless authorized by ordinance to increase to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2013 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$57,971.21 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2013 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Jamesburg shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$135,266.15 and that the CY 2013 municipal budget for the Borough of Jamesburg be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days of such adoption.

ORDINANCE #04-13

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

ORDINANCE #05-13

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$52,000 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Jamesburg, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey has determined to acquire various equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Jamesburg has \$52,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, that:

SECTION 1. The purchase described in Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby authorized as a General Capital purchase to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

SECTION 2. The acquisition hereby authorized to be undertaken consists of the purchase of various equipment including but not limited to:

- a. Any capital equipment so determined as to be necessary including, but not limited to Vehicles, computers, printers, weapons, police communications equipment, public works equipment

together with all items necessary, incidental or appurtenant thereto.

SECTION 3. The 2013 General Capital Budget of the Borough of Jamesburg will conform to the provisions of this ordinance

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect 10 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by law.

ORDINANCE #05-13

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

ORDINANCE #06-13

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE VI TO WEST RAILROAD AVENUE AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$79,097.28 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey has determined to improve the streetscape along West Railroad Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Jamesburg has been approved for \$79,097.28 in funding from the Middlesex County Sustainable Economic Growth Improvement Fund for such construction.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the mayor and council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, that:

SECTION 1. The improvements described in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as general capital improvements to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

SECTION 2. The improvements hereby authorized to be undertaken consist of improvements to West Railroad Avenue, together with all items necessary, incidental or appurtenant thereto.

SECTION 3. The 2013 capital budget of the Borough of Jamesburg will conform to the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect 10 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by law.

ORDINANCE #06-13

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

Council Member Kostbar asked for Resolutions #056-02-27-13, #057-02-27-13, #058-02-27-13 and #059-02-27-13 be removed from the Consent Agenda and put on the Non-Consent Agenda so further clarification can be made in regards to the appointments being made.

#049-02-27-13** Accepting Meeting Minutes –January 16, 2013

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 16, 2013

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

#050-02-27-13** Accepting Monthly & 2012 Annual Reports

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONTHLY & 2012 ANNUAL 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	January, 2013
Finance Report	January, 2013
Report of the Tax Collector	January, 2013
Report of the Sewer Administrator`	January, 2013
Tax Collector and Sewer Administrator Report	2012 Annual Report

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

#051-02-27-13** Approve Payment of Vouchers

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 \$1,421,710.60.

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

#052-02-27-13 Approve Special Event Permit – Farmer’s Market

APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – FARMER’S MARKET

WHEREAS, application has been made by the Jamesburg Revitalization Coalition, Inc. for a Farmer’s Market; and

WHEREAS, the event is to be held each Saturday from July 6, 2013 through September 28, 2013 from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate fees have been submitted with the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg that a Special Event Permit be and is hereby approved for the Jamesburg Revitalization Coalition, Inc. to host a Farmer's Market in accordance with the details as submitted on the attached application.

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

#053-02-27-13 Appoint Class IV Member to the Combined Land Use Board – Maccaro
APPOINTMENT OF CLASS IV MEMBER TO THE COMBINED LAND USE BOARD - MACCARO

I, MARLENE LOWANDE, MAYOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL DO HEREBY APPOINT JOSEPH MACCARO, AS THE CLASS IV MEMBER OF THE LAND USE BOARD, REPLACING JON KELTY FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2014., OR UPON A SUCCESSOR BEING DULY APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED.

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

#054-02-27-13 Endorse Community Development Block Grant Recommendations
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO ENDORSE THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLOCATE THE 2013-2014 GRANT

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body of the Borough of Jamesburg to use the Community Development Block Grant for Borough improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Program requires the governing body to declare, by resolution, how the grant monies are to be utilized; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen's Advisory Committee held a public hearing on February 6, 2013 to discuss use of said grant; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen's Advisory Committee has recommended using this year's grant monies for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation in the amount of \$33,436.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg that the 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant be allocated for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation in the amount of \$33,436.

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

Council Member Kostbar explained a meeting was held by the Citizen's Advisory Committee on February 6th to discuss this grant, the recommendation is to have this grant be utilized for sewer rehabilitation over on East Lincoln Avenue and if there is any money left over, it will be used to repair the sewer line on West Railroad Avenue between Harrison Street and Front Street.

#056-02-27-13** Appoint Borough Prosecutor - Shamy

APPOINT BOROUGH PROSECUTOR - SHAMY

I, MARLENE LOWANDE, MAYOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL DO HEREBY APPOINT ERIN SHAMY, ESQ., AS BOROUGH PROSECUTOR, REPLACING CHRISTOPHER D. RAFANO, ESQ FOR A TERM BEGINNING FEBRUARY 16, 2013 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2013., OR UPON A SUCCESSOR BEING DULY APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED. SALARY WILL BE \$8,000.00 PER ANNUM.

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

Council Member Kostbar wanted to note that our former prosecutor Christopher Rafano has been appointed to Superior Court Judge. Council Member Ludas extended best wishes to Christopher Rafano in his new endeavor and explained that Erin Shamy was a judge here a few years ago, she applied for the position along with a few others, and she in turn was the best fit for this position. We will be saving \$1,200 in hiring Erin.

#057-02-27-13** Probationary Detective to Detective – Muller

RESOLUTION ELEVATING PROBATIONARY DETECTIVE TO DETECTIVE

WHEREAS, PROBATIONARY DETECTIVE JASON MULLER WAS APPOINTED TO HIS CURRENT RANK, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2012; AND

WHEREAS, JAMESBURG POLICE CHIEF MARTIN HORVATH HAS ISSUED A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, WHICH ENDORSES THE TERMINATION OF THE MANDATORY SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR THIS OFFICER.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT PROBATIONARY DETECTIVE JASON MULLER BE AND IS HEREBY PROMOTED TO THE POSITION OF DETECTIVE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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

Council Member Kostbar asked Chief Horvath to say a few words regarding the next three promotions; Chief Horvath explained that the three officers' mandatory probationary period has ended and it is recommended they all be promoted within their positions as they have done exemplary work thus far.

#058-02-27-13** Probationary Sergeant to Sergeant – Wilson
RESOLUTION ELEVATING PROBATIONARY SERGEANT TO SERGEANT

WHEREAS, PROBATIONARY SERGEANT KEVIN WILSON WAS APPOINTED TO HIS CURRENT RANK, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2012; AND

WHEREAS, JAMESBURG POLICE CHIEF MARTIN HORVATH HAS ISSUED A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, WHICH ENDORSES THE TERMINATION OF THE MANDATORY SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR THIS OFFICER.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT PROBATIONARY SERGEANT KEVIN WILSON BE AND IS HEREBY PROMOTED TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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

#059-02-27-13** Probationary Police Officer to Police Officer – Bruno
RESOLUTION ELEVATING PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER TO POLICE OFFICER

WHEREAS, PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER RICHARD BRUNO WAS APPOINTED TO HIS CURRENT RANK, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2012; AND

WHEREAS, JAMESBURG POLICE CHIEF MARTIN HORVATH HAS ISSUED A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, WHICH ENDORSES THE TERMINATION OF THE MANDATORY SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR THIS OFFICER.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER RICHARD BRUNO BE AND IS HEREBY PROMOTED TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT

						ABSENT
Council Member Busco			X			
Council Member Kostbar		X	X			
Council Member Ludas	X		X			
Council Member Sussman			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Carpenter			X			
Mayor Lowande						

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Council Member Taylor

The budget workshop covered all points – the budget will be introduced at the next meeting and more will be reported then.

- **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
Council Member Sussman

Jamesburg Board of Education had a meeting on January 24th, discussing some very important issues, one being that the state is mandating that all districts complete the New Jersey “smart and part” this year. In an attempt to make our children more prepared for college the state is mandating certain minimums that must be met, such as, assessing teacher’s technology abilities, developing policies and procedures for standardization, increasing the ability to communicate through global connect, with the larger expense being that our children within three years having to take their tests on computers.

When asked how to pay for it, the State said that they will not be providing any additional funds, essentially offering zero funds to help us pay for this new program, leaving it up to us to pay for and with them mandating what has to be done if it is not completed we will not be in compliance. This will be an ongoing issue, which is being closely monitored by the IT department.

The debt service with Monroe is due 2013-2014; Jamesburg is prepared to pay for the tuition but is not prepared to pay the \$600,000 in debt service. Monroe has filed a petition with the Commissioner who advised that he cannot do anything this will have to be addressed by the State. Initially Monroe and Jamesburg agreed to send a joint letter to the Governor but Monroe was advised by their attorneys not to do so. As it stands, separate letters are being written and the State will have to do something in this regards. Point of interest - Jamesburg is \$900,000 below adequacy and Monroe is \$14 million over adequacy. As we continue to cut things, Monroe can essentially help us but that would be up to them and their taxpayers.

- **POLICE COMMITTEE**
Council Member Kostbar

Council Member Kostbar reported that the police department has remained active. The situation downtown that had been complained about has been dealt with and is now under control.

A new police vehicle will be purchased, as well as, guns and holsters. Lt. Craparotta did a great job shopping around for the guns and it is noted the old guns will be traded in.

The taxi situation is still under investigation, violations have been issued to three illegal companies thus far.

In addition, Council Member Kostbar attended the transportation committee meeting; no projects are funded in this area, but a number of projects have been approved that will affect our general area, including building a bridge from the Turnpike exit to Route 130, Bayonne bridge being raised and train station being approved on the Johnson & Johnson site in North Brunswick which will all bring more traffic into our area. Shuttle bus service in town will be cut back due to budget issues by the County. There will be no shuttle service on holidays and the weekend hours will be cut to 9-2pm.

There is also an issue of the area over by the Flower Shop in town being used as a bus stop. It was determined to be not workable to have, however people are still using that area to be picked up by buses and blue lines were painted in that area indicating it to be a bus stop, possibly by the county.

Council Member Kostbar relayed his concern of liability if something should happen in that area and asked for this issue to be further investigated.

- **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**
Council Member Ludas

Council Member Ludas relayed a message of thanks from Little Wonders Day School who wanted to thank Animal Control Officer, Paul Intravartola, for his quick response to a call regarding a dog running loose on their property.

Mayor Lowande was also honored at an event hosted by the Mayor of Edison, honoring Women in Politics for being the first woman mayor in Jamesburg.

- PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Council Member Busco

No Report.

- PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE
Council President Carpenter

Council President Carpenter, Mayor Lowande and two members of the Jamesburg Elks recently got together to discuss the direction of this year's Fall Festival. A possible new date was discussed along with revisions to the vendor application and donation letters. Another meeting is planned to discuss further.

The Jamesburg Library will hold an AARP Safe Driver's Course on March 14th-15th; the book sale is ongoing and has raised approximately \$200 so far. The library will be closed for Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Story time continues to be held at the library as well. Library patrons can now use a new smart pay service, which allows you to pay fines from home using your credit card. Tickets for the 50th Anniversary Gala being held April 13th at Forsgate Country Club is still available. Donations are also being accepted for 50/50 prizes awarded that night.

- PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Mayor Marlene Lowande

No Report.

- ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Denise Jawidzik

No Report.

- MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Marlene Lowande

No Report.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – ANY ITEM - 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 per citizen.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion Open to Public Comment:

Proposed By: Kostbar

Seconded By: Carpenter

All in Favor

Elliot Stroul – 110 Mendoker Drive: Mr. Stroul thanked Mayor and Council for approving the Farmer's Market permit for this year. Mr. Stroul noted that traffic for the Farmer's Market has increased with the help of its new location by approximately 1,000 people.

Tom Van de Sande – 2 Fernwood Lane: Mr. Van de Sande asked if the money received for the cell tower had been spent; Administrator Jawidzik responded that that money is included in the budget. Mr. Van de Sande questioned the Monroe MUA debt service bill; Administrator Jawidzik explained that the debt to Monroe was being paid out of the sewer utility last year, but this year we will have to go back to taxes to pay for the \$240,000 bill. Mr. Van de Sande asked when the debt will be paid; Administrator Jawidzik responded that it will depend on if Monroe incurs more debt on our behalf for fixing any lines that need repair. Mr. Van de Sande questioned the Sewer Budget, referring to information he had found on our website; Administrator Jawidzik asked for Mr. Van de Sande to call her at the office to further discuss, as she does not have the document in front of her to refer to. Mr. Van de Sande commented that the need for a bus stop is apparently evident by people still using the area on East Railroad Avenue to flag down

buses. He also asked if that area was a County Road, making the Borough of Jamesburg have no say in whether or not a bus stop belongs there or not. Council Member Kostbar responded that the Mayor and Council did not and do not want a bus stop in that area as it was tried out and proven not to be workable in that area. The concern is the town being liable for any incidences that may happen over there. He also explained that the property that people are standing on is private property. Mr. Van de Sande brought up about other areas in town that are used as bus stops; that was discussed.

Henry Pindo, Business Owner of JMS Taxi LLC – 180 Buckelew Avenue: Mr. Pindo updated Mayor and Council to the ongoing illegal taxi issue in the Borough. He also mentioned that he is having an issue in other towns, particularly New Brunswick, where he is receiving numerous tickets because the police are saying he is not allowed to pick-up or drop-off people because he is not licensed with that town. Council Member Taylor explained to Mr. Pindo that he should call the Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office and speak with someone in that office who he can address the issue he is having in regards to being ticketed in other towns, and if they cannot help him Council Member Taylor advised to speak with Internal Affairs. Chief Horvath addressed the issue of the ongoing illegal taxi issue and advised that three companies have been issued violations and the police department will continue to stay on top of the issue. Mayor and Council advised that the ticketing issue he is experiencing in other towns is not something they can address or remedy as those violations are in towns other than Jamesburg.

Motion to Close to Public Comment:

Proposed By: Carpenter
Seconded By: Taylor
All in Favor

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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Proposed By: Taylor
Seconded By: Carpenter
All in favor.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 PM

Tanya Pannucci
Acting Municipal Clerk
Borough of Jamesburg