

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2024
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. 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 Gibbons

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Gibbons
 Council President Emens
 Council Member Goletz
 Council Member Lefkovic
 Council Member Rampacek
 Council Member Spillane
 Council Member – Taylor

CDBG DISCUSSION:

Administrator Capabianco discussed the monies for the grant would re allocated as follows:
 \$20,000 to code enforcement
 \$23,000 to sewer relining

#068-02-21-24 Endorse the Middlesex County Community Development Block Grant
 Citizens Advisory Committee Recommendations for the FY24-FY25 Grant

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz		X	X			
Council Member Lefkovic			X			
Council Member Rampacek	X		X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Emens			X			
Mayor Gibbons						

The Municipal Clerk swore in the newly promoted Police Officers.
 Chief Craparotta said a few nice words about each of the newly promoted officers. Thank you to all who came out tonight.

MOTION TO OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Goletz
 Seconded By: Spillane

No one from the public wished to speak.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Emens
 Seconded By: Rampacek

ORDINANCES FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY- (Public Hearing March 20, 2024)

ORDINANCE #02-24

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,900 FOR THE PREPARATION OF DRAINAGE MAPS AS REQUIRED BY NJ DEP FOR THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(E)

RECORD OF VOTE:

FIRST READING: February 21, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION		
	TO TABLE	2nd	VOTE
Council Member Goletz	X		X
Council Member Lefkovic			X
Council Member Rampacek		X	X
Council Member Spillane			X
Council Member Taylor			X
Council President Emens			X
Mayor Gibbons			

PUBLICATION: March 1, 2024
 SECOND READING: March 20, 2024
 PUBLIC HEARING: March 20, 2024

BOND ORDINANCE #04-24

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR BOROUGH HALL PARKING LOT MITIGATION IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$540,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$496,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

RECORD OF VOTE:

FIRST READING: February 21, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION		VOTE
	TO INTRODUCE	2nd	
Council Member Goletz			X
Council Member Lefkovic			X
Council Member Rampacek	X		X
Council Member Spillane			X
Council Member Taylor		X	X
Council President Emens			X
Mayor Gibbons			

PUBLICATION: March 1, 2024

SECOND READING: March 20, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING: March 20, 2024

- Council Members Taylor and Lefkovic had a few questions the Business Administrator was able to answer for them.

ORDINANCE #05-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-39.1a OF THE BOROUGH CODE

RECORD OF VOTE: There was discussion regarding temporary or permanent permits. The police would approve the and issues the lacquered. Final approval comes from the Council. Some Council members feel the residents will have complaints if the spots are in front of their houses. This vote would be to amend the introduction to add a fee of \$50.00 to cover the cost of a sign and paint for the road.

FIRST READING: February 21, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION		
	TO INTRODUCE	2nd	VOTE
Council Member Goletz			X
Council Member Lefkovic			X
Council Member Rampacek			X
Council Member Spillane	X		X
Council Member Taylor		X	X
Council President Emens			X
Mayor Gibbons			

PUBLICATION: March 1, 2024
 SECOND READING: March 20, 2024
 PUBLIC HEARING: March 20, 2024

The following vote is to introduce as amended:

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION		
	TO INTRODUCE	2nd	VOTE
Council Member Goletz			X
Council Member Lefkovic		X	X
Council Member Rampacek			X
Council Member Spillane			X
Council Member Taylor	X		X
Council President Emens			NO
Mayor Gibbons			

ORDINANCES SECOND READING - Public Hearing

ORDINANCE #01-24

2024 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION TO OPEN	2nd	VOTE	MOTION TO CLOSE	2nd	VOTE	MOTION TO ADOPT	2nd	VOTE
Council Member Goletz			Y			Y			Y
Council Member Lefkovic			Y			Y			Y
Council Member Rampacek	Y		Y		Y	Y		Y	Y
Council Member Spillane		Y	Y			Y			Y
Council Member Taylor			Y			Y			Y
Council President Emens			Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
Mayor Gibbons									

ORDINANCE #03-24

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES OF
THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG**

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION TO OPEN	2nd	VOTE	MOTION TO CLOSE	2nd	VOTE	MOTION TO ADOPT	2nd	VOTE
Council Member Goletz		Y	Y			Y		Y	Y
Council Member Lefkovic			Y			Y			Y
Council Member Rampacek	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y		Y
Council Member Spillane			Y			Y			Y
Council Member Taylor			Y			Y			A
Council President Emens			Y		Y	Y			Y
Mayor Gibbons									

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #059-02-21-24**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz			X			
Council Member Lefkovic			X			
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Emens	X		X			
Mayor Gibbons						

RESOLUTION #060-02-21-24**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

January 17, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz			X			
Council Member Lefkovic			X			
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Emens	X		X			
Mayor Gibbons						

RESOLUTION #061-02-21-24**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONTHLY REPORTS

Finance Report	January 2024
Report of the Tax Collector	January 2024
Report of the Sewer Administrator	January 2024
Annual Report of Tax Collector and Sewer Administrator	2023

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz			X			
Council Member Lefkovic			X			
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Emens	X		X			
Mayor Gibbons						

RESOLUTION #062-02-21-24**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION OF A GRANT TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz			X			
Council Member Lefkovic			X			
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Emens	X		X			
Mayor Gibbons						

RESOLUTION #063-02-21-24**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz			X			
Council Member Lefkovic			X			
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Emens	X		X			
Mayor Gibbons						

RESOLUTION #064-02-21-24**

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE COMBINED LAND USE BOARD – TERENCE COLLINS

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Emens	X		X			
Council Member Goletz			X			
Council Member Lefkovic			X			
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Mayor Gibbons						

RESOLUTION #066-02-21-24**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY UNDER THE LEAP PROGRAM FOR ANIMAL CONTROL EQUIPMENT

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz			X			
Council Member Lefkovic			X			
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Emens	X		X			
Mayor Gibbons						

RESOLUTION #067-02-21-24**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE
NJ CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM**

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz			X			
Council Member Lefkovic			X			
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Emens	X		X			
Mayor Gibbons						

RESOLUTION #072-02-21-24**

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO ACT AS AGENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG FOR THE
PURPOSE OF FILING AND SETTLING TAX APPEALS ON BEHALF OF THE TAXING DISTRICT FOR THE TAX
YEAR 2024**

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz			X			
Council Member Lefkovic			X			
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Emens	X		X			
Mayor Gibbons						

NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #065-02-21-24

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz	X		X			
Council Member Lefkovic					X	
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Emens			X			
Mayor Gibbons						

RESOLUTION #069-02-21-24

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO SET THE MAYOR'S SALARY FOR FY24

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz	X		X			
Council Member Lefkovic			X			
Council Member Rampacek			X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Emens		X	X			
Mayor Gibbons						

RESOLUTION #070-02-21-24

APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE CITIZENS CULTURAL ARTS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion to table this Resolution:

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz			X			
Council Member Lefkovic			X			
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Emens	X		X			
Mayor Gibbons						

RESOLUTION #071-02-21-24

APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion to table this Resolution:

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz			X			
Council Member Lefkovic			X			
Council Member Rampacek		X	X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Emens	X		X			
Mayor Gibbons						

RESOLUTION #073-02-21-24

CANCELLING OUTSTANDING SEWER BALANCE

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz			X			
Council Member Lefkovic			X			
Council Member Rampacek	X		X			
Council Member Spillane			X			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Emens		X	X			
Mayor Gibbons						

RESOLUTION #074-02-09-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
REQUESTING THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE A
NON-BINDING PUBLIC QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024
GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.**

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Goletz				X		
Council Member Lefkovic		X	X			
Council Member Rampacek				X		
Council Member Spillane				X		
Council Member Taylor	X		X			
Council President Emens				X		
Mayor Gibbons						

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Council Member Rampacek

Finance Report:

The auditors have begun asking for information that they need for completing the 2023 audit. The Supplemental Debt Statement has been filed for the bond ordinance for the parking lot project. The finance committee is going to be meeting to go through the preliminary budget documents to see where we can make changes to hopefully cut costs.

- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
Council President Emens

Council President's Report – February 2024

- This month, the Borough Council focused primarily on personnel, the municipal budget, and planning upcoming community events.

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Personnel Committee Report – February 2024

- Congratulations to Patrolman Paulikas, Corporal Bruno, Sergeant Sellmeyer and Captain Wilson on their promotions.
- The Personnel Committee has met with each union with unsettled contracts, including Local 389 (PBA), Local 210 (DPW), and Local 417 (dispatchers). We greatly appreciate the open and thoughtful exchange that we have had during negotiations since the new Personnel Committee took over. There are only minor pieces of outstanding language left currently being reviewed and considered.
- The committee wrapped up its negotiations on the Police Captain's contract and the Borough Council approved it on February 9th.
- Negotiations have started on the Police Chief's contract.
- The committee met twice on the job offer for DPW Director and the DPW Director's contract. Most of the major details have been worked out and will be absorbed into the discussions on the collective bargaining agreement with Local 210.
- The committee also met with the Borough's unrepresented employees including the crossing guards and Borough Hall employees. I acknowledge that most of our past personnel discussions have been about union contracts and upper level management, but the unrepresented employees are also a priority of mine and this committee. We will meet again very soon to address the business discussed.
- I would like to thank all of our employees for the thoughtful exchange we have had as we work through these matters and for your patience. As always, we welcome any questions or comments from the governing body and thank everyone for your feedback so far.
- We want to be as open and accessible to our employees as possible, so please feel free to reach out.

Environmental Committee Report – February 2024

- Our annual spring watershed cleanup is tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 20, 2024 from 10 AM - 12 PM at the ballfields of Knights of Columbus Green Acres Park.
- At our special meeting on February 9, we authorized the submission of our grant application for the \$1 million allotted to Jamesburg by the state for the Wigwam Pond project. The project is likely to begin in late summer or early fall.

Library Report – February 2024

- The library recently passed its operating budget and continues to plan its spring programs and events.

- ESL classes have been underway as well as the Bookworms craft hour, both of which have been well attended.
- We've also processed a record number of new library cards in large part thanks to Director Comeau's visits to our schools.
- Our volunteer-run income tax assistance program is back with United Way.
- The library held Take Your Child to the Library Day on February 3 and held a scavenger hunt, crafts, and story time for families.
- If you'd like to help fundraise, do events, and more, join Team Library! The link is on Facebook and the library's website.

Special Committee on Infrastructure Development & Improvement Report — February 2024

- We remain committed to addressing the ongoing issues with the Borough's buildings and securing a permanent home for our police department.
- Senator Greenstein's office inquired about the Borough's state budget requests for the year. A letter was drafted and sent to our state legislators requesting \$1 million for building improvements. We look forward to upcoming conversations with our state legislators on these issues.
- Thank you to the Borough Administrator and Chief of Police that helped prepare the information and documentation we requested.

- **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**
Council Member Goletz

DPW Report February 21, 2024

The Public Works staff has continued with its main seasonal responsibilities. They also prepared for the pre-winter storm by loading salt trucks and insuring equipment was in workable order. They did a great job on clearing the roads, and it should be noted, their duties go beyond just plowing. After the roads are done, hand shoveling of Borough property sidewalks and stairs are also a part of the storm clean up. The backhoe, which is a major component of their work is in need of major repairs. The repairs are being prioritized and have begun in a way as not to impede regular work.

Also, during this reporting period, the DPW has assisted the Police Department on several occasions on the evidence room at Borough Hall as they work toward their accreditation. This activity consisted of moving filing cabinets, files, boxes and other items to the former Helmetta Police Department space.

Additionally, some sewer blocks were cleared. Soon the staff will be transitioning to Spring operations. These consist of cleanups of the parks and public buildings, as the weather permits. The snow and ice of winter has created some pot holes on the Borough roads, these will be addressed sometime the middle of March.

I met with a DPW Manager candidate in January, and explained the expectations the Borough has in performance of their duties. These expectations are to be in compliance with POSHA and Health

Department regulations, have a written record of inspections that are required, create a project management system that yields efficient use of staff. Finally, conduct written performance evaluations of staff and offer remedial steps when necessary.

Recreation Department February 21, 2024

I am happy to announce that Jamesburg will have its first family outdoor movie night on June 14. The movie will be shown at the JFK fields. We are also planning to make this a can food drive for the Jamesburg food pantries. Once licensing has been taken care of, we will announce the movie title.

The Wednesday Jamesburg Car show will continue starting May 22 and will take place on West Railroad Avenue. If anyone has any ideas for supplemental activities during the car show event, please reach out to me by Borough email. Any Jamesburg organizations, for example Jamesburg Fire Department, Jamesburg Historical Association, the Library, PTA or Wrestling are welcome to coordinate to have a table for a fundraising activity.

The Food Truck nights will be returning for two events, one in the early summer and the second in September. As suggested at the last Council meeting by a resident, I have started to contact some organizations that have events in order to avoid conflicts with Borough planned events and have a calendar with event dates. Any organizations planning Borough events please forward them to me so that the Borough may advertise on your behalf.

Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt - to be adopted by the Jamesburg Library

Memorial Day Parade - Mayor Gibbons is creating a parade committee

Fall Festival - date to be announced

Zombie Walk - date to be announced

Tree Lighting – to be announced

Menorah Lighting -to be announced

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
Council Member Spillane

February 8th meeting at the land use board featured appointing a planner to the land use board which is Ckarke, Caton and Hintz, and a public hearing for 27 Lincoln Avenue which was approved. During the public comment section smart Lincoln Mr Teriyaki appeared. He wanted to discuss the current ongoing matter we referred him back to his attorney to get on the agenda for next month's meeting. We then adjourned to executive session.

- POLICE COMMITTEE
Council Member Taylor

The Jamesburg Police Dept. had 1,748 calls for service in the month of January which included 29 Motor Vehicle Accidents and 80 summonses issued on 302 motor vehicle stops including 89 radar posts throughout the Boro. 4 Criminal Complaints were noted for January as well as 50 First Aid Calls and 14 Fire Calls.

The Police Dept. wished to share with the public that they are currently accepting applications for Full Time Police Officer & SLEO II Officer. Applicants must hold a current PTC Certificate. Applications are online at policeapp.com

The Jamesburg Police Dept. will be hosting an Identity Theft & Fraud Prevention Seminar on Wednesday March 27, 2024 at 7 pm located at the Helmetta Community Center.

Lucky Leprechaun Leap!! Come find the pot of gold and see Lucky Leprechaun in the Paddy Wagon escorted by the Jamesburg Police on Thursday March 14, 2024 at the following locations.

6:00 pm Residents Park Helmetta

6:15 pm Helmetta Borough Hall

6:30 pm Maple St. Pavilion Helmetta

7:00 pm Veterans Park Jamesburg

7:15 pm Jamesburg Public Library

- EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Council Member Lefkovic

Educator's Award – Exemplary Educator – State award. Recognition

State runs program every year. Last year pre-K to 5; This year 6-8. Alternate

3 Educators nominated; Stacy Miller, Joyce DeFalco, and Kate Lancaster; Kate Lancaster was one of 123 winners statewide. Student Council Advisor & Pride Committee Advisor;

Update Safe Return Plan – Requirement for eligibility for ESSER-American Rescue Plan funds. Outline information about both health and safety needs and SEL. Ensuring continuity of services. Plan will be reposted on website. Plan based on safety practices and procedures. Next review in September 2024.

4 student teachers from Rider University started in January. First time having student teachers since the pandemic.

Beginning of the month - Healthy heart challenge – Legacy of lifesavers – Ended 2/16 – Students participated in healthy heart activities during phys ed classes

February 1 and 2 – GMB Career Fair – All middle school students. Variety of professions represented; Attorney, Marine, Physical Therapist, Police Officer, Bookstore Owner; Some family and friends; some locals; some who like talking about their professions.

February 7 - Bilingual parents advisory meeting – (3x per year; State requires 1x) Dissemination of information about ESL (core instruction in English), dual-language, and bi-lingual programs (core instruction in native language).

February 9 - Wax Museum at JFK – All 5th grade students - Living wax museum. Students prepared speeches and dressed like historical figures. Students presented in English and Spanish.

Last week – MTHS guidance counselors visited GMB to provide 8th graders with information about scheduling for 9th grade classes and elective selections.

February 21 at 6pm – Parent Academies – Fostering Friendships – Past topics – 2 on HIB and 1 on Vaping – In person next month on SEL. Hands on session with parents in Spring focusing on various resources available to parents.

Next week - LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) Program – Drug Prevention – 10 week program featuring local police officers trained in the LEAD Curriculum providing programming once per week.

February 29 & March 1 - Tender Smiles for Kids – Children get dental checkups and cleanings. Those with insurance can also get x-rays and sealant. The organization does provide some charity care for children of parents without insurance.

March 16 at 5:00pm - Tricky Tray Fundraiser

Barnes & Noble Night – May 30 from 6pm to 8pm – B&N in East Brunswick; Open to anyone. Chorus will perform. Teachers will read. Artwork will be on display. Percentage of proceeds goes back to the district in the form of credit for purchases at B&N.

MTHS - Program with Rowan – Students to take college classes for only \$100/credit

MTHS Ice Hockey Team – Greater Middlesex County Champions

My first JBOE meeting was a bittersweet experience, because as much as I enjoyed learning about the great work that our BOE and schools are doing for our borough's children, it was very hard to witness the end of an era as our JBOE President, Paul Rutsky retired from the BOE.

Everyone on the JBOE was very sad to say goodbye. JBOE President Anne Luck-Deak went out of her way to try to find some loophole to force him to stay. It was basically the polar opposite of what we are seeing some in the Democratic Party trying to do to President Joe Biden. I know that this is not the time and the place to get political, but I think that we can all agree that President Biden would love to have President Rutsky's approval ratings.

Was first elected to JBOE in November 2012 and began serving in January 2013.

Was the JBOE representative to the MTBOE from January 2015 to July 2022. In this role, he was a fierce advocate for Jamesburg's children and a leader in strengthening the relationship between Jamesburg Borough and Monroe Township

Was JBOE Vice President from January 2017 to December 2022

Was JBOE President from January 2023 to December 2023

Used his financial acumen to help Jamesburg pay down its debt incurred from the construction of the new Monroe Township High School.

During his time on JBOE, JFK Elementary was recognized as a Blue Ribbon Award school.

He helped to form the Jamesburg Educational Foundation with funding from the Spud Dubinski Memorial Scholarship Fund

I first met Coleen and Paul in the Summer of 2019 when I was first elected to be a Jamesburg Democratic Committeeperson and in the years since, I have found both to be the gold standard for public service through their tireless and unwavering commitment and dedication to the Borough of Jamesburg, its residents, and especially its children. I would like to personally thank both of them for their leadership, their mentorship, and most importantly, their friendship.

- MAYOR / PUBLIC SAFETY REP'S REPORT
Mayor Gibbons

No report

- CHIEF OF POLICE
Chief Craparotta

Thank you for your support and the promotions.

- ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Michael Capabianco

Administrator Capabianco discussed the note sale and rollover. The rollover amount will pay for police vehicles and a lift at public works.

NEW BUSINESS – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

Mayor Gibbons – The Memorial Day Parade committee will be meeting Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30. The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion and the Elks Lodge will be heading the parade.

Council President Emens- Discussion with the Chief: the police department cannot continue to function in the First Aid building. It will cost approximately 4 million dollars to build an addition to Borough Hall. It is a possibility to switch the Police and Administration offices and possibly utilize the Senior Center.

Council Member Goletz - June 14th will be a free outdoor movie night
Car shows will start Wednesday, May 22nd
Food Trucks will be early summer and September
Th Library will be taking over the Easter Egg hunt
Mayor Gibbons will be in charge of the Memorial Day Parade

Council Member Spillane - The date for the Fall Festival will be discussed at the next meeting.

Council Member Lefkovic – Looking for alternate ideas for revenue. The referendum question was turned down – a dispensary can add money to the town. Ideas to bring revenue would be games of chance, weekly bingo, Texas hold em or possibly arcade games.

Council Member Taylor - Easter Seals bough the old high school. We lost \$50,000 in taxes due to it being a non-profit organization. Maybe we can approach them to meet in the middle.

MOTION TO OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Rampacek
Seconded By: Goletz

Sarah Grazier - Do the car shows bring revenue to Jamesburg? Council Member Goletz answered no revenue for the town, but brings in revenue to the businesses. Ms. Grazier asked for clarification on who owns the Buckelew House. It is owned by the town.

Jeff Miller – The handicap parking permit seems like a lot of paperwork. Wouldn't it be easier for any taxpayer to just have a parking permit. Council Member Taylor answered that it would take up too many of the parking spaces in town.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Rampacek
Seconded By: Emens

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Proposed By: Emens

Seconded By: Spillane

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 8:52PM

Susan Boulogne
Registered Municipal Clerk
Borough of Jamesburg