

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
MINUTES
April 19, 2023
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 Spillane
 Council Member Emens
 Council Member Goletz
 Council Member Rampacek
 Council Member Rutsky
 Council Member Taylor
 Administrator Capabianco
 Borough Attorney – Raffetto

RESOLUTION #095-04-19-23

APPOINT FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY PATROLMAN

BRENNAN BERECSKY

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

Borough Clerk Boulogne swore in Patrolman Berecsky.

LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Councilmember Thomas Emens explained to the Mayor and Council all the upgrades and repairs that have been going on at the library. He thanked DPW, Police and

Michael for all of their help in this process. They are hoping to re-open approximately May 31st.

Rosemarie Spillane is very excited for this renovation. She thanked all who have supported them through this project.

MOTION TO OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Goletz
Seconded By: Rampacek

John Miller – Mr. Miller questioned Ordinance #02-23 (Bond Ordinance for Police Addition). Mayor Lowande explained since the Ordinance was introduced, we had to move forward with the public hearing.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Rampacek
Seconded By: Taylor

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2023 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION #100-04-19-23

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET

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

- Public Hearing will be May 17th

ORDINANCES FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY –(Public Hearing May 17, 2023)

ORDINANCE #10-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #10-21 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SALARY AND COMPENSATION LIMITS FOR CERTAIN OFFICES, POSITIONS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

ORDINANCES SECOND READING - Public Hearing

BOND ORDINANCE #02-23

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO BOROUGH HALL FOR THE BOROUGH'S POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$5,200, 000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,200, 000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THREROF

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTIO N TO OPEN	2nd	VOTE	MOTION TO CLOSE	2nd	VOTE	MOTIO N TO ADOPT	2nd	VOTE
Council Member Emens			Y			Y			N
Council Member Goletz			Y			Y			N
Council Member Rampacek	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y		N
Council Member Rutsky			Y			Y			N
Council Member Taylor		Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	N
Council President Spillane			Y			Y			N
Mayor Lowande									

ORDINANCE #08-23

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF MOBILE DATA TERMINALS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

ORDINANCE #09-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE TO AMEND CHAPTER 15 SEWERS WITH NEW SECTION 14 INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GREASE TRAPS

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

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.

RESOLUTION #089-04-19-23**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

March 15, 2023

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

RESOLUTION #090-04-19-23**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONTHLY REPORTS

Finance Report	March 2023
Report of the Tax Collector	March 2023
Report of the Sewer Administrator	March 2023
Annual Report of Uncollected Taxes	

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

RESOLUTION #091-04-19-23**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

RESOLUTION #092-04-19-22**

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF PATROLMAN JACKEVICIUS

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

RESOLUTION #101-04-19-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY, NEW JERSEY]
SUPPORTING RevolutionNJ**

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

RESOLUTION 102-04-19-23**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING STATE OF NEW JERSEY LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT 2023
GRANT**

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

RESOLUTION #103-04-19-23**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING STATE OF NEW JERSEY DISTRACTED DRIVING GRANT

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

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #093-04-19-23

REPEAL RESOLUTION # 086-03-15-23

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

RESOLUTION #094-04-19-23

APPOINT FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY PATROLMAN JACOB DESTEFANO

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

RESOLUTION #096-04-19-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO HIRE CROSSING GUARDS

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

RESOLUTION #097-04-19-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO HIRE PART TIME DISPATCHERS

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

RESOLUTION #098-04-19-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO HIRE SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (SLEO)

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

RESOLUTION #099-04-19-23

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OUTDOOR SEATING FOR RESTAURANTS IN THE
BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

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

RESOLUTION #104-04-19-23

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF MOBILE DATA TERMINALS (MDTs) FOR POLICE VEHICLES

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

RESOLUTION #105-04-19-23

AUTHORIZE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF MODEMS FOR POLICE VEHICLES

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

RESOLUTION #106-04-19-23

REJECTING ALL PROPOSALS FOR IT CONSULTING CC#22-01 BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG

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

RESOLUTION #107-04-19-23

AUTHORIZING USAGE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE FIRST AID SQUAD OWNED BY THE JAMESBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION #108-04-19-23

ENTERING INTO A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF HELMETTA FOR C-2 LICENSED OPERATION

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

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Council Member Rampacek

Finance Report:

Tonight was our budget introduction. Just to reiterate, the average tax increase is \$21.61 per household. We had a lot of unfortunate and uncontrollable appropriation increases in this budget: \$133K in health benefits, \$40K in police operating expenses, \$21K in PERS pension system, \$76K in PFRS pension system, and \$15K in bond and note interest. Unfortunately, even with keeping a tight budget throughout the year and being careful with our spending, these rising costs are something we have basically no control over. The tax increase is higher than we would like, and we hope to reduce the impact on taxpayers in the future.

I would also like to add that the borough applied for and received a recreation improvement grant for \$65K which will be going towards improvements including cutting trees to make it safer for pedestrians. Thank you, Michael, for applying for this grant.

- **POLICE COMMITTEE**

Council Member Taylor

The Jamesburg Police Dept. had 1561 calls for service in the month of March, 116 motor vehicle summonses were issued on 344 motor vehicle stops. 7 Criminal Complaints as well as 20 motor vehicle accidents were also noted for March.

The Police Dept. also received 39 firearm applications in March which is a continuing increase from previous year

The Jamesburg Police Dept. would like to share with the public that due to a recent increase in vehicle burglaries and attempted residential burglaries residents are encouraged to keep their vehicles locked along with their home doors and windows especially in the overnight hours.

The Jamesburg Police Dept. applied and received a \$7,000 grant from the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety for "You Drive, You Text, You Pay" being conducted in April 2023

- **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Council Member Rutsky

The personal committee met again with the PBA. Negotiations continue.

As the school's liaison for education, students and teachers returned from spring break this week. The Board of Education meeting will be next Thursday at 7 PM. A reminder that this Saturday, April 22 from 11 AM to 1 PM at the JFK playground will be the continued celebration of "the week of the

young child.” There will be a variety of fun activities for preschooler students, including face painting, crafts, and petting zoo.

A number of community organizations will be present to provide information and resources to families. Dr. Villani, superintendent, encourages all families to attend this exciting celebration.

- **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**
Council Member Goletz

For the month of March, the DPW completed the removal of lighted pole decorations. They are transitioning to their peak season tasks. They have begun litter and debris clean ups of the areas that are their responsibility to mow. These spaces include Borough medians, Administrative Building, Senior Center, Parks, Police Station, Library and miscellaneous Borough lots.

On April 17, I participated at a meeting with the staff to address some concerns they had and to prioritize future equipment needs.

Our Public Works Director, Paul Intravato has submitted is retirement letter effective June 30. I would like to thank him for his service and wish him the best in the future.

- **ENVIRONMENT/GREEN TEAM**
Council Member Emens

Environmental Committee Report – April 2023

- The Jamesburg Green Team will be doing a spring watershed cleanup of the Green Acres park and East Church Street trail area this Saturday April 22nd (Earth Day) from 10 AM - 12 PM.
- We are going to be working with the Helmetta Green Team to put together a Green Guide.
- The Monroe Township Green Team reached out to the committee and we will be collaborating with them again on the Monroe Green Fair.
- Councilman Goletz and I plan on meeting with representatives from Monroe to regroup and discuss possible areas of collaboration.

Library Report – April 2023

- The library’s last day open was April 8, 2023. We have been closed for renovations since then.
- Patrons can utilize Hoopla and Libby for e-books and other digital media. Residents can also visit neighboring libraries for materials and printing / copying services.
- Two big events are coming up for us — Memorial Day and the grand-reopening. We will have more info on both of those things in the coming weeks.
- We are also excited to launch Team Library (the library’s volunteer group). If you’d like to help fundraise, do events, and more, sign up! The link is on Facebook and the library’s website.

- **LAND USE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Council President Spillane

Land Use Board meeting for April was cancelled. The next Meeting will be May 11th.

- **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Craparotta

I met with Lexiprol. The three new vehicles are almost finished being lettered. Lights and cages are scheduled for May 1st.

- **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Michael Capabianco

No report.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE / RECREATION / COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

Mayor Marlene Lowande

I am excited for the clean up and the Week of The Young Child

Car shows are starting May 17th and will run every Wednesday through October. The parade, food trucks and street fair are all coming up.

Congratulations to Thomas Emens for receiving the Citizen of The Year Award from the Elks.

RESOLUTION #109-04-19-23

AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion to Come Out of Executive Session:

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Proposed By: Rampacek
Seconded By: Spillane

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 9:23 PM

Susan Boulogne
Registered Municipal Clerk
Borough of Jamesburg