

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
MINUTES
May 18, 2022
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 Rampacek
Council Member Czarneski
Council Member Ludas
Council Member Rutsky
Council Member Spillane
Council Member Taylor
Administrator Capabianco
Borough Attorney – Raffetto

MOTION TO OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Ludas
Seconded By: Taylor

Ernestine Spencer – 14 West railroad Avenue

Ms. Spencer expressed she was upset about her garbage not being picked up. Mayor Lowande explained they are short staffed and have had issues with the trucks breaking down.

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Taylor

Seconded By: Ludas

ORDINANCES FIRST READING BY TITLE

ORDINANCE NO. 03-22

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG CREATING CHAPTER 32 TO ADOPT ARTICLE XXII FLOOD PREVENTION TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECORD OF VOTE:

FIRST READING: May 18, 2022

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION TO INTRODUCE	2nd	VOTE
Council Member Czarneski			X
Council Member Ludas	X		X
Council Member Rutsky			X
Council Member Spillane		X	X
Council Member Taylor			X
Council President Rampacek			AB
Mayor Lowande			

PUBLICATION: May 27, 2022

SECOND READING: June 15, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING: June 15, 2022

ORDINANCE #04-22

Chapter 19 – Vacant and Abandoned Properties

19-01 VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES.

RECORD OF VOTE:

FIRST READING: May 18., 2022

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION TO INTRODUCE	2nd	VOTE
Council Member Czarneski			X
Council Member Ludas	X		X
Council Member Rutsky			X
Council Member Spillane		X	X
Council Member Taylor			X
Council President Rampacek			AB
Mayor Lowande			

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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 #110-05-18-22**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

April 20, 2022

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

RESOLUTION #111-05-18-22**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

April 20, 2022

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

RESOLUTION #112-05-18-22**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONTHLY REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the borough of Jamesburg that the following reports are hereby received and filed.

Investment Report	April 2022
Report of the Tax Collector	April 2022
Report of the Sewer Administrator	April 2022

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

RESOLUTION #113-05-18-22**

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 \$3,151,452.25.

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

**SUSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL SUPPORT FOR RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP PROGRAMS
IN THE COMMUNITY**

RECOGNIZING that cats and dogs are an integral and valuable part of all communities, and contribute to the well-being of humans, whether as companions, service animals, or therapy pets, and

UNDERSTANDING that municipalities have an important role in ensuring the well-being of animals while balancing the needs of pet owners and non-pet owners.

WHEREAS legislators and municipal officials report that the number of calls from citizens about animal related issues rival any other issue(s);

WHEREAS there are approximately 2.2 million owned dogs and 2.5 million owned cats in New Jersey;

WHEREAS New Jersey was the first state in the nation to develop an innovative state-wide spay/neuter program and all proceeds from the sale of Animal Friendly License Plates are used to reimburse participating veterinarians for spaying and neutering surgeries;

WHEREAS State responsibility for promoting responsible pet care and ensuring that pets do not suffer due to abuse, neglect, or lack of proper care in kennels, pet shops, shelters, and pounds (animal facilities) is vested in the Office of Animal Welfare within the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services;

WHEREAS The New Jersey Society to Prevent Cruelty to Animals (NJSPCA) and municipal Animal Cruelty Investigators (ACIs) are responsible for investigating and acting as officers for the detection, apprehension, and arrest of offenders against the animal cruelty laws;

WHEREAS New Jersey mandates training requirements for animal control officers and Animal Cruelty Investigators;

WHEREAS New Jersey impounds over 1 00,000 animals per year in animal shelters and impoundment facilities;

WHEREAS approximately 37% of the animals that enter New Jersey's impoundment facilities are euthanized, at a rate of around 3000 every month;

WHEREAS free-roaming unvaccinated cats and dogs present a potential health threat to humans through the spread of such zoonotic diseases as rabies, leptospirosis, toxoplasmosis, roundworms, animal bites, and environmental contamination from animal feces;

WHEREAS stray and unwanted pets place an enormous financial burden on municipalities and non-profit humane agencies organized to care for these animals;

WHEREAS it is more humane and cost-effective to reduce the number of unwanted animals than it is to impound and euthanize unwanted or unclaimed dogs and cats;

WHEREAS all dogs are required to be licensed in the municipality where they are housed and the majority of municipalities also require licensure of cats. (Current vaccination against rabies is a pre-requisite to licensure);

WHEREAS all municipalities are required to canvass their residents to locate unlicensed dogs;

NOW THEREFORE, we the Borough of Jamesburg resolve to take the following steps with regard to our municipal responsibilities with the intent of making a truly sustainable community.

- Enforce all animal and rabies control statutes and regulations, including the requirement to pick up and impound all stray dogs and cats, excepting stray and feral cats in managed TNR programs.
- Work to improve the enforcement of animal cruelty statutes.
- Educate our community, including school children, about their responsibilities towards the pet animals they chose to keep.
- Institute, as appropriate, cat licensing ordinances and increase the percentage of licensed dogs and cats through ease of licensing and licensing enforcement measures.
- Identify and work to implement best practices to prevent unwanted breeding through effective animal control, availability of low-cost pet spaying and neutering services, public education, and pet-friendly rental and senior housing.
- Identify alternatives to euthanasia of adoptable companion animals, including utilizing foster homes, adoption networks and providing remedial behavior training services to existing and future owners.
- Assist in identifying resources to improve the conditions and increase the capacity of animal shelters and impoundment facilities and animal control services.

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

SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY “CUT IT AND LEAVE IT” POLICY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Jamesburg wishes to have its residents adopt the Sustainable Jersey "Cut It and Leave It" policy where residents leave their grass clippings on their lawn after mowing; and

WHEREAS, the "Cut It and Leave It" policy, will reduce the solid waste stream which results in lower disposal costs and reduces the use of fertilizer and chemicals which benefits the environment and the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has reviewed the Sustainable Jersey "Cut It and Leave It" policy and recommends and encourages the residents of the Borough to adopt this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that the Governing Body hereby approves of the Sustainable Jersey "Cut It and Leave It" policy, and encourages the residents of the Borough to adopt the policy of leaving their grass clippings on their lawn after mowing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Sustainable Jersey upon its passage.

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

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY “IDLE FREE ZONE”

WHEREAS, emissions from gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, including greenhouse gases, ozone formation, fine particulates, and a multitude of potentially harmful pollutants that can trigger an asthma attack and other ailments; and

WHEREAS, asthma is a significant public health concern in NJ, especially among children (up to 25% of NJ's school age children are asthmatic) and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, for every gallon of gasoline used, the average car produces about 20 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂), the largest contributor to greenhouse climate change, with one-third of greenhouse gas emissions coming from the transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Argonne National Laboratory estimates that about 20 million barrels of diesel fuel are consumed each year by idling long-haul trucks (estimated truck emissions total about 10 million tons of CO₂, 50,000 tons of nitrogen oxides, and 2,000 tons of particulates); and

WHEREAS, we can avoid producing unnecessary greenhouse gas emissions and exposure to air toxics by reducing or eliminating wasteful vehicle idling; and

WHEREAS, petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuel are nonrenewable fuels and should be used wisely and not wasted; and

WHEREAS, idling is not generally beneficial to a vehicle's engine because it wears engine parts;³ and

WHEREAS, idling more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning a warm engine off and on again;⁴ and

WHEREAS, idling for 10 minutes uses as much fuel as it takes to travel 5 miles; and

WHEREAS, vehicle idling occurs in locations (e.g. school grounds, parking lots, drive-through windows, business centers, etc.) where New Jerseyans can be exposed to air pollutant emissions; and

WHEREAS, moving beyond New Jersey’s existing no-idling code* of 3 minutes would significantly improve public health, air quality, reduce costs and greenhouse gas emissions; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Borough of Jamesburg supports the adoption of “Idle Free Zones” by government agencies, schools, businesses, and other organizations by:

- Encouraging any gasoline or diesel powered motor vehicle* to turn off their engines after 10 seconds if they plan to remain at that location for more than 30 seconds.
- Ensuring idling does not occur at idle-frequent locations such as school drop-off and pick up, drive through windows, gas stations, parking lots, business centers, etc.
- Maintaining municipal vehicles to eliminate any visible exhaust.
- Enforcing existing violations and penalties under NJ’s existing no-idling code*.
- Supporting broad education of the public about the health, environmental and economic impacts of idling and ways to reduce idling.

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

RESOLUTION: #117-05-18-22**

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY PLEDGE OF MUNICIPAL SUPPORT FOR NEW JERSEY’S WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN

This Plan is in support of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife, State-level Priority Conservation Goals and Strategies

Recognizing that animals are an integral and valuable part of all communities and believing concern for the wellbeing of wild animals and wild species is a hallmark of a sustainable natural

community the Borough of Jamesburg pledges its support for the New Jersey Wildlife Action Plan as outlined:

WHEREAS, New Jersey is home to a rich diversity of wildlife and ecologically significant natural communities,

WHEREAS, New Jersey's wildlife and wild places are under threat from development, fragmentation, invasive species and the impacts of people,

WHEREAS, the populations of mammals, birds, invertebrates, fish, reptiles and amphibians that live in and migrate through New Jersey find themselves clinging to smaller and smaller pieces of wild clean lands and aquatic habitats,

WHEREAS, it is more cost-effective to prevent species from becoming imperiled than it is to recover them once their populations have declined,

WHEREAS, a naturally functioning and healthy ecosystem represents a healthy environment for NJ wildlife and our citizens,

WHEREAS, the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, other state and federal agencies, and many partners in conservation have worked together to develop a state Wildlife Action Plan for the benefit of biologists, wildlife experts, municipal leaders, land stewards, non-profit organizations, educators, planners, researchers, outdoor recreation enthusiasts, landowners and all the people who know the wild places of New Jersey State,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Wildlife Action plan is a comprehensive action agenda for the conservation of native wildlife, the restoration of important lands and water, and public education targeting the needs of rare wildlife in New Jersey,

WHEREAS, the residents of, and visitors to, New Jersey also enjoy and benefit from New Jersey's wildlife and wild spaces.

NOW THEREFORE, we the Mayor and Council of Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, resolve to take the following steps with regard to our municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making Jamesburg an ecologically sustainable community. It is our intent to include these principles in our public lands management, our

environmental resources inventory and to inform the next master plan revision and update our zoning accordingly.

We will identify imperiled species, critical habitat and unique ecosystems in our Environmental Resource Inventory.

Acknowledging that it is more cost-effective to protect species than recover species, we will protect populations of rare and imperiled species that live and breed in, and migrate through, the municipality and the habitats they depend upon.

Because habitat integrity is critical to healthy biodiversity, we will manage publicly owned lands in accordance with wildlife management actions laid out in the New Jersey Wildlife Action Plan and will promote the management of all protected lands to promote biodiversity.

We will protect wildlife habitats and maintain connectivity of habitat when formulating an open space acquisition strategy, open space stewardship plans and through the municipal master plan including planning and zoning ordinances.

We will seek to minimize disturbance of critical wildlife populations and their habitats from human activities, subsidized predators and invasive species.

When possible and appropriate, we will work with neighboring municipalities to implement the aforementioned principles across municipal boundaries.

When possible and appropriate, we will strive to monitor and implement appropriate management of municipal easements to ensure native vegetation and wildlife takes precedence over invasive and/or exotic species.

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

RESOLUTION # 118-05-18-22**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality; and

WHEREAS, poor land use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as decreased mobility. High housing costs. Increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and

WHEREAS, given New Jersey's strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Jamesburg resolve to take the following steps with regard to our municipal Land Use decision with the intent of making Jamesburg a sustainable community. It is our intent to include many of these principles in the next master plan revision and reexamination report and to update our land use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly as needed.

Regional Cooperation – We pledge to reach out to administrations of our neighboring municipalities when applicable concerning land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land-use decisions.

Transportation Choices – We pledge to create transportation choices with a Complete Streets approach by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications.

Natural Resource Protection - We pledge to continue to take action to protect the natural resources of the State in recognition of their environmental, recreational and agricultural value by avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources while seeking opportunities to enhance them. Further, we pledge to create the Jamesburg environmental resources Inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resources management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land-use and open space planning.

Mix of Land Uses – We pledge to continue to use our zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreational and other land use types in area that make the most sense for our municipality and the region.

Housing Options – We pledge, through the use of our zoning and revenue generating powers, to continue to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations, to meet the needs of all people at a range of income levels.

Green Design – We pledge to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating our site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings.

Municipal Facilities Siting – We, pledge, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, bikability, greater access to public transit, proximity to other land-use types, and open space when locating or relocated municipal facilities.

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

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #119-05-19-22

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PAITEN HORNBERGER TO THE POSITION OF VIOLATIONS CLERK

WHEREAS, there is currently an opening for the Violations Clerk position in the Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, this position is a shared service with the Borough of Spotswood and all costs are shared 50-50; and

WHEREAS, Borough advertised for this position and desires to hire Paiten Hornberger to fill the position with a start date of June 01, 2022, at a salary of thirty-thousand dollars and zero cents (\$30,000); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, that Paiten Hornberger is hereby hired as the Violations Clerk.

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

RESOLUTION #120-05-18-22

APPOINT PART-TIME DISPATCHERS

I, MARLENE LOWANDE, MAYOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL DO HEREBY APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AS PART-TIME DISPATCHERS EFFECTIVE MAY 18, 2022 AT A RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR. UPON CERTIFICATION THE RATE WILL GO UP TO \$20.00 PER HOUR.

BRIAN FLETCHER
TAYLOR HOGAN
CHRISTINE CAPUTO

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

RESOLUTION 121-05-18-22

AWARDING OF CONTRACT TO S&G PAVING, INC RELATING TO THE 2021 NJDOT VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Jamesburg received five (5) bids for the 2021 NJDOT Project consisting of Grand Street and McKnight Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and it is the Engineer's recommendation that a contract for the Project be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, S&G Paving, Inc., for the total amount of two hundred forty-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars and seventy-three cents, \$249,997.73; and

WHEREAS, this project is being funded through the New Jersey Department of Transportation Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid package and found it to be in a satisfactory format; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has Certified the Availability of Funds in account C-04-55-959-160-000; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Clerk and the Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to sign and documents related to this project; and

WHEREAS, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Borough Engineer, Director of Public Works, and the Administrator/CFO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg that S&G Paving, Inc. shall be awarded a contract to perform various road improvements from the 2021 NJDOT grant.

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

RESOLUTION 122-05-18-22

APPOINT FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, there are various laws, rules, and regulations that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protect (DEP) has required that the Borough of Jamesburg adopt; and

WHEREAS, these requirements mandate the appointment of a Floodplain Administrator to be ensure the Borough is protected in regard to building and zoning codes and emergency management and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby designate Mostafa Razzaghmanesh of the Borough Engineer’s office as the Certified Floodplain Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, Middlesex County, New Jersey that Mostafa Razzaghmanesh is hereby appointed the Borough's Certified Floodplain Manager.

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

RESOLUTION #123-05-18-22

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
AUTHORIZING SPECIAL COUNSEL TO BEGIN FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS
ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES**

BE IT RESOLVED BY Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Solicitor of the Borough of Jamesburg is hereby authorized to foreclose on the following properties.

	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TAX CERT #</u>
1	28	7.04	EAST CHURCH ST	15-00027
2	28	9	15 EAST CHURCH ST	17-00007
3	74	3,4	91 HALF ACRE RD	17-00026
4	22	318	READE STREET	18-00009
5	7	8.01, 8.02	NEW STREET	19-00002
6	22	408,409,410	READE STREET	19-00005
7	24	999, L1000	FRANKLIN ST	19-00008
8	64	3	MOTT AVE	19-00022
9	76	2.03	GULYA DR	20-00033

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of a resolution adopted by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, New Jersey at their meeting held May 18, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION #124-05-18-22

Special Duty for Police Officers

WHEREAS, the language involving Special Duty assignments found in Resolution #20-01-05-22(f) and in Resolution 108.04.20.22 is hereby repealed and replaced with; and

- Admin \$39.60 per hour for the first 8 hours; \$43.20 per hour after 8 hours
- Officers paid in blocks - 4-hour, 8 hours then paid in full hours at time and a half

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the Borough of Jamesburg here adopt the above Special Duty rates.

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

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE
Council President Rampacek

Finance Report:

The budget adoption is postponed until State approval which will happen for the June 15th meeting.

Library Report:

The basement is almost finished which is very exciting. The library is in the process of hiring a new assistant. Finally, the library will also be marching in the Memorial Day parade so be sure to keep an eye out for them.

- EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Council Member Czarneski

During the month of May, the following dates of recognition were observed and those in the respective positions were duly recognized: School Principal Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, National School Nurse Day, and Speech Pathologist Day.

JFK highlights include Ms. Perdoni running a food drive which was coordinated with Teach Up Against Hunger. All the food collected will be donated to the Deacons Food Pantry.

A pre-school art show will be held May 26th at 2pm and will be outside (weather permitting). Pre-school orientation will be held either June 1st or 2nd. The school Trimester awards will be June 9th and 10th

GMB highlights include a Bicycle Poster Contest which had students present a poster that they created on the benefits of biking. The winners were announced May 6th. Any student who entered the contest was considered. The Board approved the donation of two \$500 gift certificates that were provided by an individual who loved to bike around town and is also friends with a former teacher. This individual felt a great connection to our town. The gift certificates were purchased from a local bike shop. The 2 winning posters were created by 6th graders – Tevin Frempong and Erin McManus.

The National Jr. Honor Society induction ceremony will take place on Monday, June 13th at 6:30 in the GMB courtyard. Spring volleyball had a huge turnout and will continue through the end of May.

District highlights include the continuation of three summer programs: Summer Learning Academy, Extended School Year Program and High Five Summer Program.

The Summer Learning and Extended school Year Programs run Monday – Thursday from 9-11:340 and the High Five Summer Program runs the entire day, with Fridays centered around trips outside the district. The High Five Program is open to residents as well as non-residents.

Field Trips are Back! The Board approved a donation from the PTA for \$1,000 for each grade level, which equates to a total of \$9,000. These funds will be used toward transportation.

The last Parent Academy for this school year was held on Wednesday, May 4th. The district is hoping to continue to move this into next year with additional topics added.

With the rise in COVID cases in NJ, the district is also seeing an increase in the schools. Staff and students were reminded to stay home if you are not feeling well. The protocols remain the same since mid-March based on the Department of Health guidelines.

Lastly, end of the year dates includes the following:

June 16th – Thursday – Grade 5 Moving Up Ceremony, 9:30 am (rain date Monday, June 20th)
June 17th – Friday – 8th Grade dance at the Elks Lodge
June 20th – Monday – 8th Grade graduation at 6:30pm (rain date Tuesday, June 21st)

The next Board of Ed meeting will be Thursday, June 9th at 7:00pm JFK gymnasium.

- POLICE COMMITTEE
Council Member Taylor

The Jamesburg Police Dept. had 855 calls for service in the month of April. 120 summonses were issued on 167 motor vehicle stops. 11 Criminal Complaints were also noted for April.

The Police Dept. wished to share with the public they have joined Twitter with the handle of @JamesburgPolice as well as Instagram account of @JamesburgPolice.

The Jamesburg Police Dept. wanted to remind the public that they will be attending the recruitment fair at the Middlesex County College on May 24, 2022 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

The Police Dept. put forth 3 people for Per diem Dispatchers to be voted on at the May meeting (all 3 were approved).

On April 27, 2022 Nick Dolce graduated the Ocean Co. Police Academy SLEO II program he is currently in training with the Jamesburg Police Dept.

Chief Craparotta and Capt. Ceras discussed the progress of renovations at the new police building and wanted to note the measures being taken to lessen the financial impact on the Boro. In particular the free use of temporary office furniture donated from The Furniture Exchange, North Eastern Lumber and Capt. Ceras for painting the interior on his own time.

- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Council Member Spillane

Personnel:

Currently seeking to quickly resolve a few issues.

Landuse:

At the last meeting of the Land Use Board, there was 1 approval for 100 Lakeview for a basement office and 1 approval for the old Borough Hall to be used as a Title Search office.

- PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Council Member Rutsky

General maintenance continues, ceiling tiles were installed at the new police department. Preparation for the Memorial Day Parade is underway. Once a date has been agreed-upon, our DPW will be working in accordance with the County Mosquito Control to clear Wigwam Pond & stream.

Sidenote, as a Trustee to the Spud Dobenski Memorial Foundation I'd like to announce a shift that we have decided to make in order to better award scholarships to the children of Jamesburg. We will be donating our balance of \$23,000, thanks to generous donors to the new Jamesburg Education Foundation. Our president, John Longo and our vice president Al Oschner's only request is that this new board continue to give out scholarships to Jamesburg eighth graders & high school students in the name of Henry "Spud" Dobenski.

Ruth Jones of the Elks has also asked me to share information about their June 14 Flag Day Services at 7pm. You can get details on their Facebook page and invitations will be going out to Mayor and Council. I did attend the grand opening of the new Elks bar & facilities. The update is beautiful and they are excited to use this new space to help share events and better serve the community.

Food truck dates are July 28th & August 25th.

- ENVIRONMENT/ GREEN COMMITTEE:
Council Member Ludas

We are making progress on getting county assistance with clearing the Wigwam Pond area. We surveyed the area where they will be clearing and I am in the process of obtaining signatures for Right of Entry Permits from the Beaver Brook Association and Fernwood Cemetery. Work in the area will begin shortly after these signatures are received.

I am attending a Composting Presentation at Monroe Library on Saturday, May 21st at 10:00am. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. I plan to attend the Sustainable Jersey Summit on June 24th at Bell Works.

SERV:

Mr. Maresca and I attended a Serv Meeting in April. We met the new maintenance manager, Xavier Lewis. Mr. Maresca reviewed landscaping guidelines such as, if there is any loose trash or debris on the premises to please check and have it picked up prior to cuttings so it does not blow onto neighbors' properties.

- CHIEF OF POLICE
Chief Craparotta

No report.

- ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Michael Capabianco

No report

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

May 30th at 10:00 am will be the Memorial Day Parade.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Proposed By: Ludas

Seconded By: Rutsky

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 PM

Susan Boulogne
Registered Municipal Clerk
Borough of Jamesburg