

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 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

MOTION TO OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Rampacek
Seconded By: Taylor

Charlie Krutoval - Mr. Krutoval is from Central Jersey Water Watch. He is asking the borough puts together a proposed resolution opposing a gas fired power plant in Woodbridge. These plants harm the health of humans and other living things.

Several members of the public spoke up regarding promoting either John Miller or Jeff Miller into the supervisor position for the Department of Public Works. They all feel one of them deserves a chance in the position instead of bringing in an outsider.

The residents that spoke are listed below.

Tom Taylor, Betty Vedral, Patty Bisignano, Bob Cherney, Amy Pratico, Laura Collura, John Ritter, Greg Ludwig, Peter Florscak, Susan Kozar, Richie Banch, and Patrick Connelly

Mayor Lowande thanked all the residents for coming out and letting us know how they feel.

Councilmember Brian Taylor stated he has served two terms on council and there has only been two other meetings that this many residents showed up. One time was when they wanted to send our children to a different High School and the other was when we had flooding in town. Coming to meetings has an impact on decisions. He agrees with the residents to give one of our employees the chance.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Emens
 Seconded By: Rampacek

ORDINANCES FIRST READING BY TITLE - Public Hearing September 20, 2023

BOND ORDINANCE #17-23

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SHARED POLICE AND DISPATCH SERVICES WITH THE BOROUGH OF HELMETTA IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$373,328 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$373,328 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION		VOTE
	TO INTRODUCE	2nd	
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			

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 SECOND READING: September 20, 2023
 PUBLIC HEARING: September 20, 2023

- Councilmember Spillane asked if this Ordinance was for equipment being installed. There is a grant for \$363,000, therefor our cost is \$10,000 over 5 years.

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 #152-08-16-23**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

July 19, 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 #153-08-16-23**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

July 19, 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 #154-08-16-23**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONTHLY REPORTS

Finance Report	July 2023
Report of the Tax Collector	July 2023
Report of the Sewer Administrator	July 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 #155-08-16-23**

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF 911 TELECOMMUNICATOR WORDEN

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 #156-08-16-23**

**RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTING A LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR
SHARED POLICE AND DISPATCH SERVICES**

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 #161-08-16-23**

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						

NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

#157-08-16-23 Cancelling Capital Ordinance #10-20 (CDBG ADA Ramp)

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						

#158-08-16-23 Authorizing the insertion into the FY2023 Municipal Budget (Chapter 159) A Special Item of Revenue – 2023 LEAP Implementation Grant for Police and Dispatch Shared Services

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						

#159-08-16-23

Approving the Submission of a \$25,000 Grant Application for Stormwater Mapping Assistance From the NJDEP

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

- Administrator Capabianco explained this is going to be expensive. This mapping is mandated to be completed by 2024-2025. This could cost us \$180,000. We are trying to get the DEP to pay for the rest. It could be a special emergency appropriation.

#160-08-16-23

Releasing the Performance Guarantee for 2 Lincoln Avenue. Block 56, Lot 1

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						

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Council Member Rampacek

Finance Report:

Our budget was certified by the state. Reconciled tax bills will be going out soon for the next three quarters.

Our new banking interest rates have been generating additional revenue. With 5 months remaining in the year, the new banking agreement's interest rate has earned \$23,000 in interest over what was earned over all of last year.

We have also received a \$363K grant for having shared services for our police department and dispatch with helmetta which will go towards the purchase of new police vehicles, firearms, uniforms, radios, tablets, etc. This will cost the borough less than \$10K, so this is an extremely welcomed grant that will allow us to purchase many supplies that we need to keep running efficiently and we wouldn't otherwise be able to afford.

- **POLICE COMMITTEE**
Council Member Taylor

The Jamesburg Police Dept. had 1,656 calls for service in the month of July which included 22 Motor Vehicle Accidents and 135 summonses issued on 331 motor vehicle stops. 7 Criminal Complaints were noted for July as well as 44 First Aid Calls and 14 Fire Calls.

The Police Dept. wished to share with the public they are asking due to an increase in vehicle burglaries in Jamesburg and surrounding towns residents are reminded to lock their vehicles and never leave keys or garage door openers in vehicle.

- **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**
Council Member Rutsky

As we all know, Paul Intravartola, our DPW Supervisor, has retired. We will be conducting interviews. No decisions have been made at this time. PBA negotiations continue as well.

Education:

Students and staff have been in district throughout the summer participating in a number of programs. This summer, Extended School Year was offered, High 5, Summer, Learning Academies, and Summer STREAM. They had over 300 students in weekly for various programs. This summer, Ms. Cruz, the United Way representative, offered an ESL program to families. The program was well attended and will culminate with a celebration of the participants' hard work.

Final Announcement, our next Food Truck Night will be September 28th from 4:00-8:00 pm.

- **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**
Council Member Goletz

This report is for the DPW activity for the month of July. In July, the staff continued with their peak season duties of mowing and monitoring the DPW yard. This past month the staff has had a presence at the Food Truck Night event, National Night Out and Downtown Car Show.

As reported last meeting, an unannounced inspection was made of the DPW facility by Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health. During this inspection violations were noted. The staff has addressed many of the items and will continue to work with the inspectors in an effort to be in full compliance.

A meeting with the DPW staff has been scheduled for tomorrow August 17. A separate meeting will be held with the two DPW employees, who applied and interviewed with the Council for the vacant DPW Director position. The purpose of the meeting to provide feedback regarding their interviews.

- **ENVIRONMENT/GREEN TEAM**
Thomas Emens

Environmental Committee Report – August 2023

- We are looking into the possibility of organizing another community cleanup in the fall.
- We have a meeting set with the Monroe Township Green Team.
- We've been putting together some content for green tips to post on the Green Team Facebook page and future Borough newsletters.

Library Report – August 2023

- The library continues to see a surge in foot traffic, circulation, library card sign ups, and engagement online.
- The summer program was successful overall, particularly story time and crafternoon.
- If you'd like to help fundraise, do events, and more, join Team Library! The link is on Facebook and the library's website.
- The library will soon roll out other new programs and clubs including a new book club, a sewing and crocheting club, and expand the Game Club to include chess tournaments, BINGO, and more game nights.

Public Relations – August 2023

- The first Borough newsletter was well received and there will be another one in the fall.
- We are also working on outreach and communication through video. We are working on content for the Borough’s YouTube channel.

* **LAND USE/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Council Member Spillane

There was no Land Use Board meeting in August. The next meeting is September 7th.

• **CHIEF OF POLICE** Chief Craparotta

National Night Out was a success. Thank you to all the Officers who came on their night off. Also, thank you to Tyler Connelly for being the DJ, Fire Department, Calvary Church and the Library.

Councilmember Tom Goletz would like to see the curbs and sidewalks repainted around the school. There is also an issue with parents parking fire hydrants and blocking driveways when dropping off the children,

• **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT** Michael Capabianco

We have a note for \$110,000. We would like to purchase 2 police vehicles and a lift for the DPW.

• **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE / RECREATION / COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Mayor Marlene Lowande

Food Trucks are September 28th. This Friday will be our Band showcase.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Proposed By: Emens
Seconded By: Spillane

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:48 PM

Susan Boulogne
Registered Municipal Clerk
Borough of Jamesburg

