

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
MINUTES
September 15, 2021
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 Sussman
Council Member Czarneski - ***ABSENT***
Council Member Ludas
Council Member Rampacek
Council Member Rutsky
Council Member Shaughnessy
Administrator Capabianco
Borough Attorney – Raffetto

MOTION TO OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Sussman
Seconded By: Ludas

Dawn Santillo – 4 Glenn Court – Wigwam Brook runs behind her house. There was a major flood in 2005 that caused deterioration to her property. Every time there is heavy rain her property deteriorates even more. Neighbors are throwing wood and debris into the brook. The town needs to take action. What are the towns plans?

Adam Bushman – 280 Gatzmer Avenue – Mr. Bushman is a past Councilmember. He never had flooding in his house until after the Costco warehouse was built. He has flooded 5 times since then. He can't use his pool cause fish from Costco's retention pond are floating in it. All the construction being done on Cranbury Road causes the water to go downhill to Gatzmer Avenue. What can the elected body do?

Donald Kall – 16 Prospect Street – In 2005 the damn behind Prospect Street collapsed and nothing has been done about it. The last 2 storms we had are eroding his property. Who is responsible for this property? The creek is full of debris and garbage. I would like help from the town.

Daniel – 275 Gatzmer Avenue – Lived in this town for over 40 years, never had a problem with flooding. Since the Costco warehouse was built 20 years ago, we flooded 3-5 times. The drainage ditches from Costco have never been cleaned. Who is responsible? Jamesburg or Monroe?

Barbara Bushman – 280 Gatzmer Avenue –Ms. Bushman asked “Why are we still building in Jamesburg?” Life Storage is putting up a 3-story building. Councilmember Rutsky explained the Land Use Board originally voted down Life Storage. We were then threatened with a law suit. Mayor Lowande explained she has been to meetings in other towns to address these drainage issues.

Rodolfo Ptasnik – 3 Glenn Court – Mr. Ptasnik asked “whose job is it to clean the brook? What are we going to do about it?” there is a lot of litter in the creek.

John Santillo – 4 Glenn Court – Garbsge and plywood are blocking the passage way. Where is all this coming from? Storm grate are blocked up.
Ripple Avenue is a paper road that the town owns, it needs to be cleaned up. What can Jamesburg do?

Peter Becker – Owner of 4 Boys Ice Cream – Henri was not declared a disaster; Ida made our situation worse. Is FEMA available for Ida?
Mayor Lowande explained you can apply for FEMA. There are rules to follow.

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Rampacek
Seconded By: Ludas

ORDINANCES FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

ORDINANCE #11-21

AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE #02-21 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.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council previously adopted Ordinance #02-21 (also referenced as the “2021 Salary Ordinance”) on February 17, 2021, which established limits for salary and compensation of certain offices, positions and employees in the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2021, the Borough Council adopted Ordinance #10-21, which amended the 2021 Salary Ordinance to reflect revisions that were needed relating to the positions of Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and Qualified Purchasing Official; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council have determined that further revisions are necessary to the 2021 Salary Ordinance in order to effectuate certain staffing changes within the Borough’s administrative offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance #02-21, as adopted on February 17, 2021, and amended on August 18, 2021, is hereby further amended and revised in the following limited respects (additions are shown with underline; deletions are shown with ~~strikeout~~):

<u>SALARY/POSITION</u>	<u>PAY SCHEDULE</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
ASST CFO FULL TIME	PAYABLE BI- MONTHLY PER ANNUM	\$60,000.00	\$80,000.00
<u>PAYROLL</u> <u>ADMINISTRATOR</u>	<u>PAYABLE BI-</u> <u>MONTHLY PER</u> <u>ANNUM</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>

BE IT FUTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, subsection or part of this Ordinance is adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

BE IT FUTHER ORDAINED, that the remaining portions of Ordinance #02-21, as modified by Ordinance #10-21, shall remain in full force and effect except as revised above.

BE IT FUTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication as provided by law.

RECORD OF VOTE:
FIRST READING: September 15, 2021

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION TO INTRODUCE	2nd	VOTE
Council Member Czarneski			X
Council Member Ludas		X	X
Council Member Rampacek	X		X
Council Member Rutsky			X
Council Member Shaughnessy			X
Council President Sussman			X
Mayor Lowande			

PUBLICATION: September 24, 2021
SECOND READING: October 20, 2021
PUBLIC HEARING: October 20, 2021

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 #127-09-15-21**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

August 18, 2021

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

RESOLUTION #128-09-15-21**
APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has certified and submitted a consolidated bill list for the payment of claims; and

WHEREAS, all vouchers listed herewith have been encumbered and sufficient funds are available for payment; and

WHEREAS, the required signatures of the Department Head or the Committee Chair, the Finance Chairperson, the Vendor, and the Chief Financial Officer, have all been obtained on each voucher on the attached list.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, that the voucher list submitted is hereby approved for payment in the total amount of \$1,872,214.33.

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

RESOLUTION #129-09-15-21**

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any such items of revenue in the budget of the municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget;

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriations for an equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, that it hereby requests that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2021 in the amount of \$307,987.22 which item is now available as revenue from the American Rescue Act Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$307,987.22 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

2021 American Rescue Plan Act Other Expense

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

RESOLUTION #134-09-15-21**

APPOINT FULL-TIME EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER

WHEREAS, AN OPENING HAS BECOME AVAILILABLE FOR A FULL-TIME EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER; AND

WHEREAS, FREDDY FUENTES IS A CERTIFIED EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER AND IS INTERESTED IN THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER; AND

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL ARE DESIROUS OF FILLING THIS VACANCY FOR THE GREATER GOOD AND EFFICIENCY OF THE JAMESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL, DO HEREBY APPOINT FREDDY FUENTES AS FULL-TIME EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Czarneski						X
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Rmpacek	X		X			
Council Member Rutsky			X			
Council Member Shaughnessy		X	X			
Council President Sussman			X			
Mayor Lowande						

RESOLUTION #135-09-15-21**

APPOINT PART-TIME EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER

WHEREAS, AN OPENING HAS BECOME AVAILILABLE FOR A PART-TIME EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER; AND

WHEREAS, TYLER A. ALBINE IS A CERTIFIED EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER AND IS INTERESTED IN THE POSITION OF PART-TIME EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER; AND

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL ARE DESIROUS OF FILLING THIS VACANCY FOR THE GREATER GOOD AND EFFICIENCY OF THE JAMESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL, DO HEREBY APPOINT TYLER A. ALBINE AS PART-TIME EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER FOR THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Czarneski						X
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Rmpacek	X		X			
Council Member Rutsky			X			
Council Member Shaughnessy		X	X			
Council President Sussman			X			
Mayor Lowande						

RESOLUTION #137-09-15-21**

APPOINT PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD

I, MARLENE LOWANDE, MAYOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL DO HEREBY APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AS PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

PETER GODFREY

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTIO N	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Czarneski						X
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Rampacek	X		X			
Council Member Rutsky			X			
Council Member Shaughnessy		X	X			
Council President Sussman			X			
Mayor Lowande						

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #130-09-15-21

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG FOR THE PROVISION OF YARD WASTE RECYCLING AND MARKETING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. (the “Act”), authorizes local units of this State to enter into agreements with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive in its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg have determined that it is in the best interest of Jamesburg to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Middlesex County Improvement Authority for the provision of yard waste recycling and marketing services; and

WHEREAS, the service to be provided by Middlesex County Improvement Authority to the Borough of Jamesburg is detailed in the attached agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg as follows:

1. The Borough of Jamesburg does hereby enter into an agreement with Middlesex County Improvement Authority for the provision of Yard Waste recycling and marketing services.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement.
3. An executed copy of the agreement along with the authorizing resolution shall be forwarded to the Middlesex County Improvement Authority.

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

RESOLUTION #131-09-15-21

AUTHORIZE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, overpayment of tax has been received by the Tax Collector resulting from an overpayment in the aggregate amount of two thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$2,875.88)

WHEREAS, the payment has been certified by the Tax Collector as overpayment on 3rd Quarter Taxes for the year 2021 on property known as Block 8, Lot 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to make such refunds and the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to issue such check in accordance with the certification(s) attached hereto.

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

RESOLUTION #132-09-15-21

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SUSAN BOULOGNE, RMC AS MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2018, Mayor and Council of Jamesburg appointed Susan Boulogne as Borough of Jamesburg Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Susan Boulogne’s three-year term will expire on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to reappoint Susan Boulogne to the position of Municipal Clerk pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133 and 40A:9-133.6; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A9-133.7 provides that a Municipal Clerk who is reappointed to their position, having served for at least three consecutive years and holding a registered municipal clerk certification, shall continue in that position indefinitely during good behavior and efficiency not withstanding that such appointment was for a fixed term of years, essentially granting tenure of office to that individual upon said appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council is desirous of reappointing Susan Boulogne as the Borough’s Municipal Clerk, thereby granting her tenure in office in that position pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A9-133.7

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg that Susan Boulogne is hereby appointed as Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Jamesburg to be effective October 1, 2021. Said term of appointment shall be three years.

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

RESOLUTION #133-09-15-21

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR AND ESTABLISHING A SALARY ASSOCIATED THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor to appoint Kevin Hatch, CTC, to serve as the Payroll Administrator for the Borough, for which Mr. Hatch shall be paid a stipend in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) per annum; and

WHEREAS, the position of Payroll Administrator is not a full-time position and the responsibilities associated therewith shall not exceed thirty-two (32) hours per week, as the work associated with this position shall be in addition to Mr. Hatch’s primary duties as the Tax Collector/Sewer Administrator for the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor’s appointment of Kevin Hatch to serve as the Payroll Administrator for the Borough is hereby ratified and confirmed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary for this position shall be a stipend in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) per annum, payable on a bi-monthly basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary set forth in the within Resolution shall supplement the salaries for all officers and employees of the Borough as previously set per Resolution No. 031-01-06-21, as adopted on January 6, 2021.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2 nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Czarneski						X
Council Member Ludas		X	X			
Council Member Rampacek			X			
Council Member Rutsky			X			
CouncilMember Shaughnessy	X		X			
Council President Sussman			X			
Mayor Lowande						

- Councilmember Rampacek proposed a small change to the Resolution. She would like the title be changed to “Assistant CFO”. This was in the absence of the CFO it would give Kevin signatory for the bank. IF CFO is busy, he could step up and do more with Finance. IF needed he could sign documents. It would give us more flexibility.
- Borough Attorney Fred Raffetto explained the Ordinance we introduced tonight adds Payroll Administrator and removes Assistant CFO. E could amend and re-introduce. Borough BA Michael Capabianco suggested we pass tonight so he can continue to get paid. We can re look at this at reorg.

RESOLUTION #136-09-15-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PERFORMANCE SURETY BOND RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13 EAST RAILROAD AVENUE (BLOCK 28, LOT 2.05) WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, the Combined Land Use Board (the “Board”) of the Borough of Jamesburg (the “Borough”) adopted Resolution #08-17 (the “Resolution”) on March 9, 2017, which granted preliminary and final major site plan approval with variances to permit the conversion of the existing post office building located at 13 East Railroad Avenue, more commonly known and designated as Block 28, Lot 2.05 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough (the “property”), to a mixed-use facility involving both post office and laundromat spaces (the “project”); and

WHEREAS, the Resolution (at Condition No. 9 thereof) requires the applicant/property owner (DTMT, LLC) to post performance and maintenance bonds or guarantees in amounts determined to be appropriate by the Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2020, the Borough Engineer prepared and forwarded a Bond Estimate to the applicant/property owner; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Estimate requires the posting of a 90% surety guarantee in the amount of \$64,746.00, along with the posting of a 10% cash guarantee in the amount of \$7,194.00, representing the total performance guarantee required pursuant to the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et seq.) (the “MLUL”) and per municipal ordinance of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Estimate also requires the posting of escrow funding in the amount of \$2,997.49 with the Borough, which is also required pursuant to the MLUL and per municipal ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the applicant/property owner has provided a proposed Performance Surety Bond issued by United States Fire Insurance Company (Bond No. 6213009024) in the amount of \$64,746.00 relating to the project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed and approved the form and substance of the proposed Performance Surety Bond, confirming that the Bond is sufficient and adequately protects the interests of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Performance Surety Bond is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. That the attached Performance Surety Bond (Bond No. 6213009024) submitted by the applicant/property owner relating to the project at the property is hereby accepted by the Borough, in satisfaction of the requirement set forth in Condition No. 9 of the Resolution.
- 2. That the Performance Surety Bond shall remain in full force and effect until such time as it is released by Resolution of the municipal Governing Body, and the posting of a maintenance guarantee by the applicant/property owner in accordance with the requirements of the Resolution, the MLUL and municipal ordinance.
- 3. That all Borough officials and employees are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions in accordance with the intentions of this Resolution.
- 4. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to each of the following:
- 5.
 - a. DTMT, LLC;
 - b. Michael N. Capabianco, Borough Administrator;
 - c. John R. LeCompte, P.E., P.P., C.N.E.;
 - d. Michael Balint, Esq., Board Attorney; and
 - e. Frederick C. Raffetto, Esq., Municipal Attorney.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2 nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Czarneski						X
Council Member Ludas		X	X			
Council Member Rampacek	X		X			
Council Member Rutsky			X			
CouncilMember Shaughnessy			X			
Council President Sussman			X			
Mayor Lowande						

RESOLUTION #138-09-15-21

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF JUNK VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Jamesburg has surplus property that is no longer intended or safe for public or private use; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:10A-3 allows for a public agency to apply for a Junk Title; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg hereby authorize applicable Borough staff to obtain a junk title and dispose/transfer of the following vehicles as they are no longer safe to operate; and

WHEREAS, if the property is part of the Fixed Asset Inventory, it shall be removed from said inventory upon its sale or being discarded; and

WHEREAS, the following surplus property is hereby declared and can be disposed of in accordance with Junk Title status:

2004 Ford Crown Victoria VIN: 2FAFP71W54X130284

2006 Ford Crown Victoria VIN: 1FAFP71W46X106758

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg authorize the auctioning, discarding or recycling of the surplus property mentioned herein.

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

RESOLUTION #139-09-15-21

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Jamesburg has surplus property that is no longer intended for public use; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council authorize the disposition of the following Borough-owned property via the online auction Municibid as authorized by State Contract 19-GNSV1-00096; and

WHEREAS, the surplus property shall be auctioned and if there are no bidders, the surplus property shall be discarded/recycled as it has been deemed to have no value; and

WHEREAS, if the property is part of the Fixed Asset Inventory, it shall be removed from said inventory upon its sale or being discarded; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise the sale of surplus property in accordance with 40A:11-36 of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the following surplus property is hereby authorized to be auctioned:

2000 Ford E250 van; VIN 1FTNE24L1YB3217

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg authorize the auctioning, discarding or recycling of the surplus property mentioned herein.

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

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Council Member Rampacek

Finance Report:

First, I’d like to welcome Michael to our town and I am looking forward to working with you in the future. The chapter 159 we voted on tonight was the \$308,000 American rescue plan money that we got from the federal government. It came after the budget was adopted which is why we have to do a separate resolution. \$125,000 out of this has already been appropriated as anticipated revenue to support this year’s budget, so our remaining balance is \$183,000, which may need to be used to support next year’s budget.

Library Report:

The library had some significant damage from our previous storms. They have some asbestos abatement and mold remediation procedures that need to be done. They are renting a storage pod, as well as a dumpster, to store the books and get rid of the damaged materials. If anyone is available sometime next week to help move books from the library basement to the storage pod, please contact myself or the library and your help would be greatly appreciated.

- **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
Council Member Shaughnessy

Jamesburg Students are back in school. 100 percent of students, full time, five days a week. That’s 460 students and 85 teachers between the two schools. There are 8 new teachers introduced, and many of those teachers are returning after being hired full time following long term substitute placements. This shows that they are getting their experience, and staying here. So, we’ve got these new teachers, but they’re coming in with experience and providing consistency.

There have been several events since the start of school on September 8th. We had a tremendously successful Food Truck Event, and having all of the school administrators and so many teachers made it a great community event, one we needed after so much time apart. There was a Popsicles on the Playground event on the following night, and we look forward to the next events for our children and for residents of all ages, including the Fire Safety Event on October 9th, and Halloween, which will be a multi-day event, with collaboration between the school, the borough and the PTA. We look forward to that celebration.

Drop-off and pick-up procedures are the same as they have been, all students are masked, and visitors are limited, in continuing efforts to keep students and staff safe and healthy.

Further evidence that we are returning to some semblance of normal is that GMB middle school will be fielding a boys and girls soccer team. We look forward to seeing them out on the field, and we look forward to a great school year.

- **POLICE COMMITTEE**
Council President Sussman

Welcome Michael I look forward to utilizing your extensive knowledge.

First, I would like to thank all the first responders, the Mayor and Council and all the other generous volunteer who helped all those in need due to the 2 storms that flooded. Unfortunately, the police department took a big hit at headquarters with flooding, mold and loss of records. The Chief has been working diligently to have vendors prepare the First Aid building as the temporary police department, as well as getting an estimate for other police necessities.

I had the opportunity with Councilwoman Ludas to visit businesses affected by the flooding. We spoke about up-to-date information regarding local, county and state assistance, as well as FEMA information. We were impressed with many businesses and their resilience and commitment to re-open. Four Boys Ice Cream worked day and night to clean, replace and organize for a record re-opening. The Latin-American Grocery re-opened 3 days after being flooded. They lost inventory, generators and refrigeration equipment. We are currently getting the owner into used equipment and getting pricing for repairs. Unfortunately, a company charged her \$350 for an estimate but didn't provide her with documentation. In other police business, one of our full-time dispatchers resigned from her position. The department has interviewed 3 candidates. Chief decided on 1 full time and 1 part time dispatcher.

Last, but not least I want to congratulate Councilwoman Rutsky on the Food Truck Event. With the help of Sue Boulogne and others it was a real success. It was great to see the police department, fire department and DPW for participating and working the whole event.

- **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**
Council Member Czarneski

Councilmember Czarneski was absent. No report.

- **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**
Council Member Rutsky

I'd like to begin my report by thanking all of our first responders along with our Mayor and Council and Borough employees for their response to both storms that descended on Jamesburg. Without their diligence and hard work things could have been even worse for our residents. As for residents that suffered damage and to the residents that lost everything, I am truly sorry. Our Mayor and Council have been and will continue to work to get the necessary assistance for Jamesburg.

As the DPW chair I would like to personally thank our supervisor Paul Intravartola, along with John, Jeff, and Guido. Their crew of four worked and responded for countless hours during the storm crisis. Their hard work has not gone unnoticed.

On another note, I would like to thank the Jamesburg Elks. They held a memorial event to honor the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. It was a moving ceremony and a beautiful tribute to our fallen fellow Americans. I along with Councilwoman Ludas was honored to attend.

I would also like to welcome our new BA, Michael. I look forward to working with you and I'm excited to see what's next for Jamesburg.

Lastly, I would like to thank the borough and all departments in Jamesburg including the Jamesburg Fire Department, Police Department, DPW along with my right-hand Clerk, Sue Boulogne for helping me put out, I think one of our most successful food truck events. Coupling it with the back-to-school season made it just that much better. I'd like to thank the Jamesburg Library the Teachers Association and the Jamesburg PTA for coming out in full force and supporting our event. The rain held off and the community came out. I've said it before, it takes a village and when we come together, good things happen.

I wish and easy fast for the Jewish members of our community.

- ENVIRONMENT/ GREEN COMMITTEE:
Council Member Ludas

I want to begin my report by thanking everyone up here for their tireless work during storms Henri and Ida. I also want to thank Mr. Maresca who worked with utility companies in assisting businesses and residents in getting power restored in a timely fashion. Thank the Jamesburg Police, Fire, and OEM Departments for their work in coordinating rescue and evacuation efforts.

In August, 2011, Hurricane Irene hit Jamesburg which caused extensive flooding. 14 months later, Jamesburg DPW and the county Mosquito Control helped us clean out the Church Street Creek. Super Storm Sandy struck with 90-mile hour winds and rain which damaged power lines, and caused extensive power outages for several days. Once again, our waterways were cleared.

In 2015 we created the Jamesburg Environmental Commission and the Jamesburg Green Team. September 2015, the county had new ARGO vehicle, which is used to clear swampy areas, and cleared further debris from previous storms including dumpsters, outdoor grills, and various outdoor furniture. This was a huge concerted project with the county, Jamesburg DPW and Monroe DPW. All water projects the county assists us with must meet NJ DEP standards and regulations.

The Green Team and our DPW Team have worked continuously in maintaining clearings in the creek and brook areas. Mostly in the spring and fall. In 2019 Our Green Team, DPW, Monroe Green Team and the Watershed Institute cleared out the wooded area behind Green Acres Park, which connects to the Church Street Creek, as this will be utilized as a Nature Park. There were approximately 100 volunteers that day including Scout Troop 54. Over 2 tons of debris was removed from the area on that day.

In July 2020 a Rain Garden was installed at GMB School. Due to Covid restrictions we were limited to doing major projects, however, we did have creek clean ups.

In October 2020 Eagle Scout Devon Kennedy and his dad and crew cleared the Church Street Creek Entrance and constructed an entrance area, as well as lined a path along the creek.

In November 2020 logs were noticed falling into the Manalapan Brook behind the Buckelew House and was cleared by the county Mosquito Control and our DPW.

July 2021 was one of the wettest July's since 1975 with a rainfall record of 7.59. It is noted as the 8th wettest July's since weather records have been kept. Since 1958 the water runoff in Middlesex County has increased by 35%

In February 2021 Jamesburg Council passed a new storm water ordinance pertaining to new construction and home additions. I attended a Water Resource Authority Meeting on Monday. Several municipalities were affected with both Henri and Ida and the county is taking the flooding issues very seriously. I recommended the county re-establish the South County Flood Commission and they are looking into this. I spoke with Mosquito Control this afternoon for an update and they will be sending a drone from Thompson Park through Davoe Lake which will include all waterways in Monroe, Jamesburg, Helmetta and Spotswood. However, this must be done when leaves have fallen so there can be a clear view of blocked areas. They will inform us as to when this will be done.

Please refrain from sweeping or blowing grass cuttings in the street, as they get washed into the storm drains in our streets. Over time they build up and cause a damming effect in the drain which causes the drain to overflow. Storm drains should be clear of leaves, grass and debris. If there is a vacant lot behind your home and it is near a water way, please refrain from dumping there. We have an organized well maintained Recycling yard for this purpose. I have asked our lawn service to please blow the grass back onto the lawn as this acts as a mulch and reseeds itself.

Business Report

Councilmember Sussman and I have been visiting businesses who were affected by the storms and providing them with information and updates on obtaining financial assistance. These business owners have done an amazing clean up on their stores. I would like to announce 4 Boys is now open daily regular hours, Senior Barber Shop will re-open by the end of September. Latina Americana is fully open; Johns Barber shop is open and Artisan Framers is open regular business hours. Ink Therapy is open for regular business hours and Iron Cycles reopened for this past Monday.

- **CHIEF OF POLICE**
Chief Craparotta

Headquarters was flooded with the recent storms. Thank you to DPW, OEM, Captain Ceras, Mayor and Council for all their assistance with shelters and food. There is mold and mildew in police headquarters. I am working with Michael on a temporary headquarters at the First Aid building.

- **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
Michael Capabianco

Thank you for my appointment. It is my 5th day on the job.

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

Hurricane Info: Henri brought close to 9" of rain. The Dam at Thompson Park did its job. The county workers were there all night monitoring the situation and acted accordingly. We met that night with the County OEM and gave them a tour of the areas being effected by the water. We met again with the county OEM and they have agreed to help with identifying the problems we face and the mitigation of them. The areas will be Gatzmer Ave. area, Wigwam Pond area and the creek behind Church Street. They will use drone surveillance over the areas between Monroe, Jamesburg, Helmetta and Spotswood. The county mosquito control, DPW, OEM and the township DPW's will all be involved. It will take time and will be a huge undertaking but I am confident it will get done.

Unfortunately, IDA came soon after and the rest of the state experienced what we had just gone through and was making our situation worse. As soon as we can we will resume those talks and take action.

JPD HQ, Library and Basement at the Senior Center Flooded twice are among our many problems during the recent storms.

We had some water during Henri and more during IDA. We will be applying for help from FEMA.

HQ will be moving to the First Aid Building as a temporary fix. It will be Dispatch and the offices. All intakes will be done at other Police headquarters.

First Aid – At this time we are not able to meet the calls with just our volunteer squad. It was a slow progression of not having volunteers to fill 24 hours a day/7 days a week. It went to weeknight and weekends. Then, that was hard to cover. 2 years ago I asked some lifetime members to come back and try to get volunteers and keep the First Aid Squad going. A valiant effort has been made but like many towns with all volunteer squads we have found it hard to stay afloat. The squad still exists but it is time to have more than a mutual aid agreement and we will be pursuing a shared service agreement with Monroe Township for our EMS needs. They have been taking care of Jamesburg for a very long time and we appreciate every volunteer and EMT that has serviced our residents. There will be more to come and I will keep everyone informed as it is happening.

I want to thank everyone for their donations.

MCFOODs

United Way

Calvary Chapel Crossroads Church

KOC

St. James Church

Residents that donated supplies and gift cards.

If I forgot anyone..I apologize.

The generosity of people in times of crisis astounds me.

There was no injuries or loss of life in these two storms. That is most important. Thank you to JFD and JPD and DPW who do all the heavy lifting in these situations. They work as a team in any crisis we face. They are still working in the aftermath. The borough employees are there to jump in and do what it takes to get whatever needs done...done.

We will continue to make Jamesburg the best little town but we do need some patience and understanding in these situations. After the second storm when the rest of the state was feeling the burdens that we felt the week before, we tend to feel forgotten. Every person up here will do everything they can to see these projects through to the end.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Proposed By: Rampacek

Seconded By: Rutsky

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:

Susan Boulogne
Registered Municipal Clerk
Borough of Jamesburg