

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: (7:05PM) 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 - *ABSENT*
Council Member Czarneski
Council Member Ludas
Council Member Rutsky
Council Member Sussman
Council Member Valiant
Administrator Frueh
Borough Attorney Raffetto - *ABSENT*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – ANY ITEM - EXCLUDES ORDINANCES (they have their own public hearing): Members of the public wishing to address the Mayor and Borough Council must approach the podium and state their name and address for the record. There is a five (5) minute time limit for all comments and questions.

MOTION TO OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Sussman
Seconded By: Valiant

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Sussman
Seconded By: Valiant

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING BY TITLE (Public Hearing set for October 16, 2019):

- Mayor Lowande explained the First Aid Squad answered 28 out of 47 calls last month. They are building up their membership.

ORDINANCE #08-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER II, "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, NEW JERSEY," IN ORDER TO AMEND SECTION 2-76 THIRD PARTY PAYMENT PLAN FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Jamesburg has determined that it is necessary and desirable to amend the existing Administration contained within Chapter II of the Borough Code in order to amend Section 2-76 regarding Third Party Payment Plan for Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to increase the service fees collected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, BY THE Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, that Chapter II "Administration" , Section 2-76 "Third Party Payment Plan for Emergency Medical Services " of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Jamesburg, New Jersey, is hereby amended as follows (additions are shown with underline: deletions are shown with ~~strike out~~):

Section 2-76 Third Party Payment Plan for Emergency Medical Services

The fee service is currently set as ~~six hundred twenty five (\$625.00) dollars~~ eight hundred (\$800.00) dollars base rate, plus ~~seven dollars and fifty (\$7.50)~~ –fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per mile per trip. Non-transportations where aid is provided shall be ~~two hundred fifty (\$250.00)~~ three hundred (\$300.00) dollars.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgement shall be limited in its effect only to the portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged invalid and shall not be deemed to affect the operation of any other portion thereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

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RECORD OF VOTE:

FIRST READING: September 18, 2019

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

PUBLICATION: September 27, 2019
SECOND READING: October 16, 2019
PUBLIC HEARING: October 16 2019

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 #119-09-18-19**

APPOINT FULL-TIME CROSSING GUARD

I, MARLENE LOWANDE, MAYOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL DO HEREBY APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AS FULL-TIME CROSSING GUARD EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

ELIO M. PRINCIPATO

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

RESOLUTION #121-09-18-19**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONTHLY REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg that the following reports be and are hereby received and filed:

Investment Report	August 2019
Finance Report	August 2019
Report of the Tax Collector	August 2019
Report of the Sewer Administrator	August 2019

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

RESOLUTION #122-09-18-19**

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 \$1,614,785.86

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION TO REMOVE RESOLUTION #109-09-18-19 FROM AGENDA:

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

RESOLUTION #120-09-18-19

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG APPROVING PAYMENT OF CERTIFICATE NO. 1- FIRST - MAPLE DRIVE AND FERNWOOD LANE - RESURFACING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Contractor, S & G Paving, Inc., has submitted a payment certificate No. 1 for first payment of the Maple Drive and Fernwood Lane Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed said quantities and is in agreement with same; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer recommends the approval of payment certificate No. 1- First, dated August 23, 2019, in the amount of one hundred fifty-three thousand, seven hundred eighty-two dollars and ninety-one cents (\$153,782.91).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg that Payment Certificates No. 1 - First in the aggregate amount of one hundred fifty-three thousand, seven hundred eighty-two dollars and ninety-one cents (\$153,782.91) be hereby authorized for payment to S & G Paving, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION #123-09-18-19

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

AUGUST 21, 2019

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

- Mayor Marlene Lowande spoke to the council regarding the absences of councilmember Michael Valiant. She has excused his absences and would like a vote from the council if they are in agreement with her.
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Council Member Czarneski			X			
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Rutsky			X			
Council Member Sussman			X			
Council Member Vailant					X	
Council President Rampacek						X
Mayor Lowande						

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE
Council President Rampacek was absent. No report.

Finance:

Library:

Public Events:

- EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Council Member Sussman

Council Member Susman reported the Soccer fields are ready for use. Construction of the new trailers is on schedule.

- POLICE COMMITTEE
Council Member Valiant

Council Member Valiant did not attend the police meeting. Councilmember Sussman reported. Complaints about people consuming alcohol and drug activity in the area of Green Acres Park are being addressed. The superintendent of the schools was informed about the complaints.

National Night Out was held on August 6th and was a huge success. All officers attended on their own time to meet members of the community. Jamesburg Police along with Monroe Township Police responded to JFK School on a report of an active lockdown while summer camp was being conducted. This lockdown was activated due to a failure in the automated system at JFK School. He building was cleared with no threat.

- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Council Member Czarneski

Council Member Czarneski reported she spoke with Business Administrator Frueh and reviewed the day to day of the Borough personnel. All continues to operate smoothly with no issues. I would like to welcome new full-time crossing guard Elio Principato.

Mayor Lowande, Councilwoman Rutsky and I met with Business Administrator Frueh to review his duties as both Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer to ensure all avenues of both positions are being performed to the best of his abilities.

Restaurant week will be September 21st – September 28th. Councilwoman Ludas and I visited all restaurants in town and I am happy to report that 10 restaurants are participating. Our website and Facebook page have been updated to list those that are part of Restaurant Week and to also show the specials they are promoting during the week.

- **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**
Council Member Rutsky

Council Member Rutsky reported the new sewer pump has arrived. Paul and the DPW are thrilled. I would like to thank our DPW for their ongoing support of the Borough Food Truck Event. Their set up along with the Fire Department

Has become seamless as well as the cleanup. Special thanks to our Clerk Sue Boulogne for overseeing all the logistics of the event. Thank you as well to our officers for their assistance. In addition, I would also like to thank our DPW for the quick response to the concerns I brought up about the maintenance in the downtown area. Our Supervisor, Paul has Guido in charge of the weed whacking and cleaning up debris on East and West Railroad Ave. This clean up has made visible improvement. Countability and sustainability of this area was also a concern.

I would also like to take this time to discuss two situations brought to my attention. One, getting information out to our residents of meeting dates and upcoming events other than on line. Expensive options have deterred us from any signage. Scott approved a sign and I was asked to purchase one since I was able to find one on Amazon fairly priced. I would like to have a discussion on this topic since I gather this has been a bone of contention.

I have also had two residents approach me about leash laws in our town. People seem to be walking their dogs in town more and more off leash. I have not only witnessed this, but have experienced being charges by an unleashed dog. I ask Paul as our Animal Control Officer and Chief to give me any information on this topic.

Discussion: Mayor and Council had a discussion on the topic's councilwoman Rutsky brought up. It was agreed upon that the sign she purchased would be able to be displayed at Borough Hall. Our Clerk agreed to maintain the sign and post events going on in town. Also, both Chief and Animal Control Officer were in agreeance that doge should be leashed when out for a walk.

- **ENVIRONMENT/ GREEN COMMITTEE:**
Council Member Ludas

Council Member Ludas reported the Green team and Council members did a major clean up at the Library last month. Peter Godfrey also helped in the clean-up and mulching. Green Team members participated in the County Gleaning at Von Thun Farms this past weekend.

Jamesburg has partnered with Monroe in hosting the Monroe Green Fair at the High School on September 28th from 10-3. Thomas Emens has updated the Green Guide which will be distributed at the Green Fair and the Jamesburg Street Fair on October 19th. We are planning to have a green section designated at the Street Fair where we can have all environmental groups together. This will make community education and outreach a bit easier.

Heather Fenyk from The Watershed Institute met with me on August 31st. we walked the Church Street area and the nature park site. There was a lot of debris, trash etc. from the last major cleanup with the Watershed. The Jamesburg Green Team is planning to do a clean up at the creek on October 13th and as the Buckelew House. The next Green Team meeting will be October 8th.

- **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Scott Frueh

Administrator Frueh has no report.

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

Mayor Marlene Lowande

Mayor Lowande reported she is looking forward to the street fair and Halloween.

- Chief Craparotta let the mayor and Council know the complaints about Green Acres are being addressed. An arrest was made over the weekend at the Green Acres park.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Proposed By: Czarneski

Seconded By: Valiant

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:

7:53 PM

Susan Boulogne
Registered Municipal Clerk
Borough of Jamesburg

