

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
MINUTES
October 19, 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- *ABSENT*

#200-10-19-22 - APPOINT FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY PATROLOWOMAN – PAGANO

I, MARLENE LOWANDE, MAYOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL DO HEREBY APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AS FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY PATROLOWOMAN EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 19,2022 FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. TERMS ARE AS PER THE PBA CONTRACT

JOSEPHINE L. PAGANO

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

I, MARLENE LOWANDE, MAYOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL DO HEREBY APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AS PART-TIME SLEO II AND DISPATCHER EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 19, 2022 AT A RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR DURING TRAINING, \$20.00 PER HOUR UPON COMPLETION OF TRAINING.

BRENNAN BERECSKY

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

- Chief Craparotta had nice words to say about the new Police Officers. Both Officers have previous experience which is a plus.

The Clerk swore in the new Police Officers.

Mayor Lowande read a Proclamation for Boy Scout Troop 54. Rose Spillane thanked the boy Scouts for all the time and effort they put in at the library to help with Hurricane IDA clean up. She presented them a certificate of appreciation.

MOTION TO OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Rampacek

Seconded By: Taylor

Randy Dey – 9 Woodland Road - 11 Woodland Road is being used as an illegal AIR BNB. I have spoken to Bill Maresca about the problem. I feel nothing is being done. The basement is being rented out and there is no exit. We have called the police as well.

Zoning Officer Maresca has ticketed the owner.

Also, what is the town going to do about smoke pollution? It is very toxic and is all over my neighborhood.

Mayor Lowande explained residents are allowed to have backyard fires as well as fires inside their houses.

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Rampacek
 Seconded By: Ludas

ORDINANCES SECOND READING BY TITLE – PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #08

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$165,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$156,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed on tonight’s Consent Agenda are to be considered as one vote by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion. Any resolutions listed on the agenda with ** next to their respective number are to be considered as part of the Consent Agenda. There will be no discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #202-10-19-22**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONTHLY REPORTS

Finance Report	September 2022
Report of the Tax Collector	September 2022
Report of the Sewer Administrator	September 2022

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

RESOLUTION #203-10-19-22**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

RESOLUTION #206-10-19-22**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO ENTER INTO A
COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH THE CRANFORD POLICE
COOPERATIVE**

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

RESOLUTION # 207-10-19-22**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO ENTER INTO A
COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY
COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

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

RESOLUTION #208-10-19-22**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF**

**OMNIA PARTNERS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS US COMMUNITIES' NATIONAL
COOPERATIVE**

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

RESOLUTION #209-10-19-22**

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF

HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA NATIONAL COOPERATIVE

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

RESOLUTION # 210-10-19-22*

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO ENTER INTO A
COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE
PURCHASING ALLIANCE**

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

RESOLUTION # 211-10-19-22**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO ENTER INTO A
COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH THE HUNTERDON COUNTY
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING**

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #204-10-19-22

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2022

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

RESOLUTION #205-10-19-22

APPOINT PART-TIME DISPATCHER - TLAHUETI

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

RESOLUTION # 212- 10-19-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE LEASING OF A PORTION OF CERTAIN BOROUGH-OWNED REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED AT BLOCK 105, LOTS 5 & 6 (FRANKLIN STREET) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, CONSTITUTING A BASEBALL FIELD.

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			
Council President Rampacek		X	X			
Mayor Lowande						

- Councilmember Taylor asked if this was the Ball Fields by GMB School. Mayor Lowande explained it would-be a monthly lease, they would have to pay ahead of time, anyone interested would have to bid, the minimum bid is\$1,200.00. She also explained they are looking into getting a timer for the lights. This would save the Borough on overtime.

RESOLUTION #214- 10-19-22

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING EZIO ALTAMURA OF GJEM-OTTERSTEDT AGENCY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG'S RISK 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			
Council Member Taylor			X			
Council President Rampacek		X	X			
Mayor Lowande						

RESOLUTION #215-10-19-22

RESOLUTION FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A MUNICIPAL LIEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 48 PERGOLA AVENUE, JAMESBURG, N.J. AND KNOWN ON THE BOROUGH TAX MAP AS BLOCK 25 LOT 1056

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

RESOLUTION #216-10-19-22

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

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			
Council President Rampacek	X		X			
Mayor Lowande						

RESOLUTION #217-10-19-22

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE

PURCHASE OF TWO CHEVY TAHOES POLICE VEHICLE UNDER THE ESCNJ 20/21-09 CONTRACT

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

RESOLUTION #218-10-19-22

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE

PURCHASE OF ONE CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 POLICE VEHICLE UNDER THE ESCNJ 20/21-09 CONTRACT

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

- Councilmember Rampacek asked if this vehicle would be used as a patrol vehicle. This will be a patrol vehicle.

RESOLUTION #219-10-19-22

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION #186-09-21-22 TO BE RESCINDED

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2 nd	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			
Council President Rampacek	X		X			
Mayor Lowande						

Resolution numbers 220 and 221 were removed from the agenda. There were no bidders.

RESOLUTION #222-10-19-22

AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Council Member Rampacek

Finance Report:

No report

Library Report:

The book collection has been reorganized on the library's upper level. All children's books, classics, non-fiction books and adult books are available to be checked out.

The library is working on expanding its section for books in Spanish.

The library will be working with the Jamesburg schools to offer programs to the children and their families next year.

The library will be having a book sale and activities for children at the Fall Festival.

- **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
Council Member Czarneski

JFK highlights include the official start date of the new Principal, Stephanie Dunk, who started on September 12th who is off to a great start! The keyboard band for 4th grade students is gearing up to start and had 28 students show an interest in joining.

GMB highlights include the boys and girls' soccer teams are well into their seasons and both teams doing well.

District highlights include Back to School nights which were held on Tuesday, September 20th at GMB and Wednesday, September 21st at JFK. Both schools had a huge turnout especially with this being the first in person Back to School night since September 2019.

The first parent academy for this school year was held on Wednesday, October 12 th. The topic was "Dealing with Uncertainty". This academy provided strategies for families on how to talk to children on various situations during uncertain times.

The district had a Professional Day on Monday, October 17th where the Child Mind Institute presented a version of the parent academy but geared it toward the staff and how they can support themselves and their families along with students and their families.

October 2nd was School Custodian Recognition Day – The Administrative team and the Teachers Union partnered together and provided lunch and snacks to the Custodians on Monday, October 3 rd. to recognize all their hard work.

The PTA is sponsoring Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 27th as well as the GMB Halloween dance on Friday, October 28th .

The Halloween parade at JFK school will be held on Monday, October 31st and the GMB students are permitted to walk over and observe the parade.

Finally, the next Board of Ed meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 in the JFK gymnasium

- POLICE COMMITTEE
Council Member Taylor

The Jamesburg Police Dept. had 955 calls for service in the month of September. 46 motor vehicle summonses were issued on 181 motor vehicle stops. 5 Criminal Complaints as well as 23 motor vehicle accidents were also noted for September.

Several Officers received training in “Liability in the role of a Police Supervisor”.

The Police Dept. wished to share with the public that there will be an 8:00 Pm Curfew on October 30 & 31 for mischief night and Halloween. Also a reminder that the Diwali Festival along with fireworks will take place in Thomson Park on October 30, 2022. Heavy vehicle and pedestrian traffic is expected. Jamesburg Police Chief Craparotta requested additional 3 officers from Monroe Police Dept. to assist with traffic posts.

The Jamesburg Police Department is currently accepting applications for a full-time dispatcher as well as crossing guards. Applications can be picked up at Jamesburg Police Headquarters.

- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Council Member Spillane

Nothing to report for personnel.

All matters for the Land Use Board were passed.

- PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Council Member Rutsky

Paul updated me with the information that the leaf schedule has been put in place. DPW will be assisting with the fall events this weekend.

- ENVIRONMENT/ GREEN COMMITTEE:
Council Member Ludas

I have been speaking with Middlesex County Mosquito Control Commission concerning Wigwam Pond. We are coordinating Jamesburg DPW and Mosquito control about setting a date for clearing between first and second week in November.

I will be meeting with Helmetta to help set up their Green Team early next week.

- CHIEF OF POLICE
Chief Craparotta

Monroe Police Department asked if we could help with the Diwali Festival on October 30th by giving three of our officers and help from the Fire Police.
Halloween curfew will be 8pm.

- ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Michael Capabianco

Administrator Capabianco discussed and explained Best Practices Inventory.

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

The Zombie walk will be Friday at 6:30pm. The Street Fair is Saturday from noon-5pm.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: Rampacek
Second: Spillane

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: Rampacek
Second: Rutsky

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Proposed By: Rampacek

Seconded By: Spillane

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 PM

Susan Boulogne
Registered Municipal Clerk
Borough of Jamesburg