

**BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG**  
**GOVERNING BODY MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**JULY 15, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**

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**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 Czarneski  
Council Member Ludas  
Council Member Rampacek  
Council Member Rutsky  
Council Member Shaughnessy  
Council Member Sussman  
Administrator Frueh  
Borough Attorney – Raffetto

**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: Rampacek

Seconded By: Ludas

**Randy Dey – 9 Woodland Road** – Mr. Dey is a lifelong resident of Jamesburg. He addressed the Mayor and Council about his neighborhood always smelling like fire. The neighbor right next door to him burns fires in his yard all the time. He has contacted the NJ Fire Service and old chief of Fire Department. This is Mr. Dey’s second time addressing the council regarding this problem. Mr. Dey has a meeting with William Juber tomorrow.

Sharon – lives with Randy explained their health is being compromised. They would like for the neighbor to install a gas fire pit.

Mayor Lowande explained there are steps to be taken and you are taking the right steps. We cannot make someone install a gas firepit.

Rosemarie Spillane – 29A Lincoln Ave. – Ms. Spillane is on the Board of Trustees for the Library. The Library is seeking a matching grant for Library repairs. There are several issues that need to be addressed. The pillars holding the canopy are rotting, the front ramp and back steps need to be replaced. The windows were never caulked and are not stable. They will be getting a contractor in to get proposals. The grant they are going for is \$30,000 and they are asking for a match to total \$60,000. Mayor Lowande explained there is a resolution that will have to be approved to apply for the grant

Daria Ludas former president of the Board of Trustees suggested going back to the company who installed the ramp and steps, if not done properly maybe they will redo them.

Several councilmembers had concerns on where the additional \$30,000 would come from and concerns that the Library would be able to cover the costs with their budget. Administrator Frueh will be discussing the process with Joe Valdes.

Jeff & Karen Mayo – 196 Gatzmer Ave – They have concerns over how fast people drive on Gatzmer Ave. We are afraid of children getting hurt. Dump Trucks fly up the street. Possible add flashing speed signs.

Chief Craparotta explained they have a speed alert trailer that they do place on Gatzmer Ave. we know this is a problem. Most of our tickets are written on Gatzmer Ave. We do enforce it. Mayor Lowande will contact the county to see if we can possibly paint speed limit on the road.

Dana Riker – 6 Franklin Street – Ms. Riker has concerns over the area at the end of her street that cuts through the back of the middle school to the playground area at Green Acres. It is a very dangerous area. People are cutting through alleyways, there was a shooting and drug dealings have gone on in the area. Not a safe place for children to be playing. She is asking for the area to be cleaned up. The green team has cleaned up the area in the past and will do so again.

Chief Craparotta will look into signs saying the area is being monitored by cameras. Hopefully that will alleviate some of the problems.

Edwin Castellanos – 170 Buckelew Ave. – Mr. Castellanos owns 2 lots with an alleyway between the 2 properties. He used the alleyway to get to his back lot where he keeps his trucks for his business. He is looking to get access to his back lot.

Mayor Lowande explained he does not pay taxes on the alleyway and shouldn't be using it to access his property. He would have to speak to the Zoning officer.

**MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Proposed By: Ludas

Seconded By: Rutsky

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING BY TITLE (Public Hearing set for Aug. 19, 2020):**

**ORDINANCE #06-20**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS STREETS AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$450,000.00 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey has determined to improve Various Streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Jamesburg has been approved for \$450,000.00 in funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation 2020 Municipal Aid Program for such construction.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** and enacted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, that:

SECTION 1. The improvements described in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as General Capital Improvements to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

SECTION 2. The improvements hereby authorized to be undertaken consist of improvements on Various Streets, together with all items necessary, incidental or appurtenant thereto.

SECTION 3. The 2020 capital budget of the Borough of Jamesburg hereby does conform to the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect 10 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by law.

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RECORD OF VOTE:

FIRST READING: July 15, 2020

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

PUBLICATION: July 24, 2020

SECOND READING: August 19, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING: August 19, 2020

**ORDINANCE #07-20**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO OAKLAND ROAD AND LAKE STREET AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$472,200.00 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey has determined to improve Various Streets; and

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** and enacted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, that:

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RECORD OF VOTE:

FIRST READING: July 15, 2020

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

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## ORDINANCE #08-20

### **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SEWER/DPW TRUCK AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$60,000 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Jamesburg, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey has determined to acquire various equipment and make various infrastructure improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Jamesburg has \$60,000 in the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** and enacted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, that:

SECTION 1. The purchase described in Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby authorized as a Sewer Capital purchase to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

SECTION 2. The acquisition hereby authorized to be undertaken consists of the purchase of Sewer/DPW Truck

SECTION 3. The 2020 General Capital Budget of the Borough of Jamesburg will conform to the provisions of this ordinance

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect 10 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by law.

**ORDINANCE #08-20**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SEWER/DPW TRUCK AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$60,000 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY**

RECORD OF VOTE:

FIRST READING: July 15, 2020

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

PUBLICATION: July 24, 2020

SECOND READING: August 19, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING: August 19, 2020

**ORDINANCE #09-20**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$22,920.00 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey has determined to make improvements to Sanitary Sewer System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Jamesburg has been approved for \$22,920 in funding from the Middlesex County 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program for such improvements.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** and enacted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, that:

Section 1. The improvements described in section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as general capital improvements to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 2. The improvements hereby authorized to be undertaken consist of improvements to the Sanitary Sewer System, together with all items necessary, incidental or appurtenant thereto.

Section 3. the 2020 capital budget of the Borough of Jamesburg is hereby amended to conform to the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect 10 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by law.

RECORD OF VOTE:

FIRST READING: July 15, 2020

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

PUBLICATION: July 24, 2020

SECOND READING: August 19, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING: August 19, 2020



**ORDINANCE #10-20**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH HALL  
ADA RAMP AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$20,000.00 THEREFORE,  
AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY  
OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey has determined to make improvements to Borough Hall ADA ramp; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Jamesburg has been approved for \$20,000 in funding from the Middlesex County 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program for such improvements.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** and enacted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, that:

Section 1. The improvements described in section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as general capital improvements to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 2. The improvements hereby authorized to be undertaken consist of improvements to the Sanitary Sewer System, together with all items necessary, incidental or appurtenant thereto.

Section 3. the 2020 capital budget of the Borough of Jamesburg is hereby amended to conform to the provisions of this ordinance.

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

RESOLUTION #091-07-15-20\*\*

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES**

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

JUNE 17, 2020

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Ludas		X	X			
Council Member Rampacek			X			
Council Member Rutsky			X			

Council Member Shaughnessy			X			
Council Member Sussman	X		X			
Council President Czarneski			X			
Mayor Lowande						

RESOLUTION #092-07-15-20\*\*

**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 \$721,833.79.

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

RESOLUTION #093-07-15-20\*\*

**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	June 2020
Finance Report	June 2020
Report of the Tax Collector	June 2020
Report of the Sewer Administrator	June 2020

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

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #090-07-15-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG APPROVING PAYMENT OF CERTIFICATE #1 2018 NJDOT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor, S & G Paving, Inc., has submitted a partial payment Certificate No.1 for the 2018 NJDOT Road Improvements Project; 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, dated May 20, 2020, in the amount of three hundred twenty thousand, three hundred ninety-eight dollars and three cents (\$320,398.03),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg that Payment Certificates No. 1 in the aggregate amount of three hundred twenty thousand, three hundred ninety-eight dollars and three cents (\$320,398.03), be hereby authorized for payment to S & G Paving, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION #094-07-15-20

**AUTHORIZE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Jamesburg wishes to purchase a 2021 Ford Utility Interceptor Police Vehicle from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey State Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

**WHEREAS**, Winner Ford, 250 Haddonfield Berlin Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract #88728 for this vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; and

**WHEREAS**, the actual cost for the purchase of the 2021 Ford Utility Interceptor Police Vehicle is \$31,642; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough will enter into a three-year lease agreement of the 2021 Ford Utility Interceptor Police Vehicle from Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. with down payment of \$5,000.00 and an annual lease price of \$9,836.38; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this three-year lease agreement as outlined in the attached Certification of Funds.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg that Winner Ford be awarded a contract for the lease/purchase of a 2021 Ford Utility Interceptor Police Vehicle.

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION	2nd	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council Member Ludas			X			
Council Member Rampacek	X		X			

Council Member Rutsky				X		
Council Member Shaughnessy			X			
Council Member Sussman		X	X			
Council President Czarneski			X			
Mayor Lowande						

- Several Council members had questions regarding this purchase. Administrator Frueh explained it was budgeted for this year’s budget. After 3 years we will own the vehicle. The Police haven’t had a new vehicle in 2 years.
- Chief Craparotta explained 2 of their vehicles have 136,000 miles on them. We currently have 10 cars and sometimes they are all being used at the same time. Repairs can get costly. We already spent \$10,000 on repairs this year.

**COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Council Member Rampacek

Councilmember Rampacek reported:

Finance Report – We received our certified tax rate on Monday, so we will be sending out estimated bills. Once Edmunds uploads the rates, the billing process can be started. The final total tax rate is 6.383, which is 0.004 increase from last year.

Library Report – As you saw in the agenda, the library is presenting to us a proposal for construction items that they need to present in their grant application to the State of New Jersey. They are presenting a project budget list and a financial plan for the project. Any grant received for this construction project is 50% provided by Jamesburg and 50% provided by the State of New Jersey.

Public Events – This years Fall Festival is canceled. We are so sad not to have it, but will be back next year bigger and better.

- EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
Council Member Shaughnessy

Councilmember Shaughnessy reported interim Superintendent Denis Phillipone will unveil he district’s reopening plan at the next school board meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. All are encouraged to attend the virtual meeting to hear the full plan. The plan is thorough and

thoughtful. It is created with its first guiding principal of keeping all our students safe and healthy in an educational environment. The district will open with a hybrid model. Students will spend some time in school and some time virtual learning. One day a week will be virtual learning for all students. While students are out of the building it will be cleaned thoroughly. The school has purchased Odorox machines which disinfect all surfaces. While students and teachers are in school, masks will be worn by all, social distancing is a mandate. Students will not move from room to room, and they will be with one teacher to minimize contact. This is the case for all grade levels. Students will be divided into 2 cohorts. Each cohort will attend the school building 2 days per week, and will have a modified virtual day when they are not in the school building. When attending the school, students will have a full school day. This plan will be altered when data determines that we can be confident that more time in school is safe. At that point, instead of the Monday virtual day, one of the 2 cohorts would be in school that day. Students will be temperature checked on their way into the building, and each school has a quarantine area for students exhibiting symptoms. Lunches will be boxed and will be eaten in classrooms. Students will continue to have access to food even on their virtual learning days. High Five will be in operation before and after school. In the first week of August, all parents will get a letter outlining the plan, and it will be communicated through all outlets available to the school, including call lists, e-mail list and social media.

It is important to note that this is subject to change. At any time, the district may be required to return to all virtual learning. This would happen if a cse is discovered within the school, or if the state mandates that schools close again. In such case, Jamesburg Oublic Schools has taken steps to ensure that all students have chromebooks, and that all students who do not have reliable internet access at home have hotspots that can be used to connect to their classroom.

- **POLICE COMMITTEE**  
Council Member Sussman

Councilmember Sussman reported Chief and the Mayor met with the interim superintendent. Among other things they discussed logistics if the school reopens including using front Street as a drop off post. Since we do not know exactly how school will operate, we don't know how it will affect the crossing guards. Police will provide them with PPE and offer them additional training.

Police will be leasing a new Ford Suv. The oldest vehicle in our fleet will be used only for road jobs.

Body cameras are more necessary than ever before. A demo will be coming in late July.

- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
Council President Czarneski

Council President Czarneski reported due to COVID 19 the Borough Personnel continue to work in staggered shifts to ensure minimal contact while in the office. If more than 1 person is in the office, everyone continues to practice social distancing. I still have not heard from the Union rep for the dispatch contract.

- PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
Council Member Rutsky

Councilmember Rutsky reported she met with Paulie. Regular maintenance continues throughout the Borough within the state guidelines. Potholes are the focus this week along with grass cuttings. Next week they will cycle in the weed whacking and blowing of debris from East and West Railroad Ave. This again is to assist businesses and some main street residents in maintaining their store fronts and properties. I encourage businesses to do this themselves and to pick up any litter and debris. Vacant buildings are responsible for maintaining their grounds. Unfortunately, I continue to find litter to be an issue in the downtown area. Larger businesses such as TD Bank, Four Boys and CVS are doing the minimum of maintaining their properties. Mulch has not been provided in the CVS flowerbeds for years. I know bill Maresca is on them. It is very discouraging. This is not fair to residents along with other businesses that go above and beyond to maintain the town's appearance. As I mentioned in my report last month our committees look forward to rescheduling town clean ups and green initiatives. We are not looking to criticize but support such businesses. However, with limited manpower we need to work together.

- ENVIRONMENT/ GREEN COMMITTEE:  
Council Member Ludas

Councilmember Ludas reported the community herb garden at the Buckelew House is growing herbs that are being distribute to participating restaurants on a rotating basis. Rabbits however have eaten the parsley. The GMB rain garden project is underway. The garden area has been dug out. Planting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am. Green Team volunteers and students will participate.

The rain garden and nature trail are all part of cleaning the area at the end of Franklin Street.

Business owners are looking for permits to increase their outdoor dining areas.

- ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT  
Scott Frueh



Administrator Frueh reported on July 8<sup>th</sup> he submitted the Borough's first request for payment from the County for the period of March 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> in the amount of \$95,580.91. Once received we will have to prepare Chapter 159 request to allow its use for future items related to COVID 19 response or future related items.

Our Tax Assessor, Ken Pacera as required by our best practices policy sent a listing of 2020 tax appeals as of July 9<sup>th</sup>. There are three properties. The County will be having a hearing about them on July 29<sup>th</sup>. There is an unsettled balance of \$120,000.00.

The Borough has purchased 2 projectors. One for Susan and one for the Court. Two thermometers were also purchased.

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

Mayor Lowande reported she met with the interim superintendent. There is still food distribution Wednesday and Friday from 8-10am. RISE in Hightstown along with Freeholder Leslie Koppel have helped 17 families in Jamesburg.

We have had a total of 142 COVID 19 cases in town.

Continue to follow safety guidelines – wear masks, wash hands, wear gloves and practice social distancing.

- Councilwoman Rutsky thanked boy scout Anthony for attending our meeting tonight. He is earning a Merit Badge.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Proposed By: Susman

Seconded By: Rampacek

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:**      8:52 PM

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Susan Boulogne  
Registered Municipal Clerk  
Borough of Jamesburg





