

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2018
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 – Ludas
Council Member Czarneski
Council Member Rampacek
Council Member Rutsky
Council Member Sussman
Council Member Valiant
Administrator Frueh
Borough Attorney – Raffetto

MAYOR’S PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Marlene Lowande read a Proclamation about the month of March being Youth Art Month.

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: Ludas

Elliott Stroul – 110 Mendoker Drive:

Mr. Stroul spoke on behalf of the Jamesburg Board of Education. There will be 2 meetings with the Finance Committee. March 1st will be the Budget Meeting. They are hoping the NJEA contract will be successful. We want to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Bernice McManus – 44 Spruce Street:

Ms. McManus is looking for ideas for her 5th grade son to raise money to go to a leadership program at The College of New Jersey. It is a costly program. She has started a donation page but is looking for other ideas. Her son has played sports in Jamesburg and loves the town.

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: Sussman

Seconded By: Czarneski

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Tax Collector Kevin hatch reported that currently the budget stands at a 3 cent municipal increase. This represents a increase of \$38.20 for the year for the average home - \$122,543.00. Miscellaneous revenues are anticipated to decrease by \$1,622 this year as compared to 2017. There were minor increases/decreases in revenue throughout the budget. We did however have an increase in assessed values in excess of \$2,366,700 due to new construction and additions. This is equivalent to .001 cents of the tax increase. Appropriations were \$5,841,608.20 in 2017 and are \$5,654,187.49 in 2018. The Clerks Salaries – Increase due to pending certification of clerk(CMR). Clerk & Finance Training – Decrease in classes for Clerk and CFO licensing. Zoning Officer Salaries – Increase due to being now Full-time position. Other Insurance – Increase in Workers Compensation and General Liability. DPW Salaries- Annual increase plus added staff. Solid Waste – Increase to cover all Vendors. Pensions – calculated by State. Court salaries – Decrease due to retirement of Court Administrator and part-Time Salary. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes – Adjustment in percentage of Amount to be raised by Taxation.

Council Member Michael Valiant explained how taxes would be affected. For every \$25,000 assessed value the increase would be \$7.00 - \$8.00. The average home assessed at \$200,000 the increase would be approximately \$63.00.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING BY TITLE (Public Hearing set for March 21, 2018)

ORDINANCE #02-18

TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Jamesburg as follows:

SECTION I. That the intersection of Buckelew Avenue, East Railroad Drive, West Railroad Avenue & Forsgate Drive shall be controlled by a Traffic Control Signal in accordance with the as-built plan dated January 24, 2018.

SECTION II. That the Traffic Control Signal installed shall be in accordance with the provisions of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (current edition)*, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes and the New Jersey Administrative Code; shall conform to the design and shall be maintained in operation.

SECTION III. That all prior ordinances or resolutions or portions thereof of the Council of the Borough of Jamesburg inconsistent herewith be and they are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. That this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as required by law.

SECTION V. That if any clause, section or provision of this ordinance is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

ORDINANCE #02-18

TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

RECORD OF VOTE:

FIRST READING: February 21, 2018

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

PUBLICATION: March 2, 2018

SECOND READING: March 21, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING: March 21, 2018

ORDINANCE #03-18

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$33,073 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 \$33,073 in funding from the Middlesex County 2017 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 2018 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: February 21, 2018

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

PUBLICATION: March 2, 2018
SECOND READING: March 21, 2018
PUBLIC HEARING: March 21, 2018

ORDINANCES SECOND READING – Public Hearing

ORDINANCE #01-18

**2018 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND
TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2018 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$46,591.78 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2018 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Jamesburg shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$163,071.23 and that the CY 2018 municipal budget for the Borough of Jamesburg be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days of such adoption.

ORDINANCE #01-18

2018 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

RECORD OF VOTE:

FIRST READING: January 3, 2018

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 Sussman			X
Council Member Valiant			X
Mayor Lowande			

PUBLICATION: January 12, 2018
 SECOND READING: February 21, 2018
 PUBLIC HEARING: February 21, 2018

COUNCIL MEMBER	MOTION TO OPEN	2nd	VOTE	MOTION TO CLOSE	2nd	VOTE	MOTION TO ADOPT	2nd	VOTE
Council Member Czarneski			Y		Y	Y			Y
Council Member Ludas	Y		Y	Y		Y			Y
Council Member Rampacek		Y	Y			Y	Y		Y
Council Member Rutsky			Y			Y		Y	Y
Council Member Sussman			Y			Y			Y
Council Member Valiant			Y			Y			Y
Mayor Lowande									

Y = YES N = OPPOSED A = ABSTAINED AB = ABSENT

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 #043-02-21-18**

APPOINT PART-TIME SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER

I, MARLENE LOWANDE, MAYOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL DO HEREBY APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AS PART TIME SPECIAL CLASS I OFFICER TO THE JAMESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 21, 2018. PENDING COMPLETION OF BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.

SPECIAL CLASS I OFFICER

NICHOLAS P. DOLCE

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

RESOLUTION #044-02-21-18**

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	January 2018
Finance Report	January 2018
Report of the Tax Collector	January 2018
Report of the Sewer Administrator	January 2018

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

Council Member Rampacek			X			
Council Member Rutsky			X			
Council Member Sussman			X			
Council Member Valiant		X	X			
Council President Ludas			X			
Mayor Lowande						

RESOLUTION #045-.2-21-18**

APPOINT PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD

I, MARLENE LOWANDE, MAYOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL, DO HEREBY APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AS A PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD FOR THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 21, 2018.

SHARON RANIERI

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

RESOLUTION #049-02-21-18**

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 \$1,157,697.55

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

RESOLUTION #050-02-21-18**

APPOINT SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER

I, MARLENE LOWANDE, MAYOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL DO HEREBY APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AS SPECIAL CLASS II OFFICER TO THE JAMESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT.

SPECIAL CLASS II OFFICER

MICHAEL G. SANSONE

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

NON CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #040-02-21-18

APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

WHEREAS, application has been made by the Jamesburg Presbyterian Church for a Special Event Permit to host a Spring Fair; and

WHEREAS, the event is to be held June 9, 2018 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM, with the rain date being June 16, 2018 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate fees have been submitted with the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg that a Special Event Permit be and is hereby approved for the Jamesburg Presbyterian Church to host a Spring Fair in accordance with the details as submitted on the attached application.

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

RESOLUTION #041-02-21-18

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 17, 2018

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

RESOLUTION #042-02-21-18

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM LIST OF ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 16-3.7OF Chapter VXi (Length of Service Awards Program) of the “Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Jamesburg, New Jersey (2000)”, the Emergency Service Organization (Jamesburg Volunteer First Aid Squad) is to certify a list of active volunteer members who are eligible to participate in the plan to the Plan Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Administrator is to forward said certified list to the Mayor and Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the aforementioned citation, the Emergency Service Organization has certified a list of eligible members to the Plan Administrator, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg grant approval of the attached list of active volunteer members of the Jamesburg Volunteer First Aid Squad for eligibility in the Length of Service Awards Program.

LIST OF ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN LOSAP

Daniel Bozza
 Della Fitch
 Carole Holmes
 Christine Holmes
 Nic Laguardia
 Stephen Laguardia
 Alanah Nasser
 James Neumyer
 Stephanie Rampacek
 Uan Sanchez
 Jennifer Sudowsky
 Cory weeks

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

RESOLUTION #046-02-21-18

SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of Jamesburg has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2017 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Jamesburg that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption

RESOLUTION #046-02-21-18

SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION # 047-10-21-18

Authorizing submission of grant application and authorizing the Mayor to execute the grant agreement with Middlesex County, Department of Public Safety and Health

WHEREAS, the Borough of Jamesburg wishes to apply to Middlesex County, Department of Public Safety and Health for the 2018 Recycling Enhancement Grant

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg, County of Middlesex, New Jersey formally approves the grant application for the program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Recycling Coordinator are hereby authorized to submit the 2018 Recycling Enhancement Grant to Middlesex County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Jamesburg and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

RESOLUTION #048-02-21-18

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG TO ENDORSE THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLOCATE THE 2018 GRANT

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body of the Borough of Jamesburg to use the Community Development Block Grant for Borough improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Program requires the governing body to declare, by resolution, how the grant monies are to be utilized; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen’s Advisory Committee held a public hearing on February 7, 2018 to discuss use of said grant; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen’s Advisory Committee has recommended using this year’s grant monies for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation in the amount of \$33,073.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Jamesburg that the 2018 Community Development Block Grant be allocated for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation in the amount of \$33,073.

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

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE
Council Member Valiant

Council Member Valiant reported that he attended the Board of Ed. Meeting with Council President Ludas. There is a lot going on in the schools that makes us very proud of the staff. He is looking forward to the next meeting to see what the schools have going on next. I wish new Special Class I officer Nicholas Dolce well on his new career in law enforcement.

Council Member Valiant recapped what he went over earlier during the Budget Workshop. He added that not all of our expenses are losses. We have made significant improvements and investments in the town. We added an additional DPW employee, investments made in our Zoning professionals, and the successful training for new clerk employees who were standing in as active members only.

- EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Council President Ludas

Council President Ludas reported she attended the board of Ed meeting with Council Member Valiant. Three GMB Band students performed. There was a presentation on math assessments which showed growth across the board in each grade. Standardized Testing may change to NWEA in the near future. The 2018-2019 school calendar was presented, school begins September 6th. This was the first year super Bowl Monday was given off, which proved to be successful. In previous years student and teacher absenteeism was high, and substitutes were needed. With school not being in session that day, no subs were needed. The district may move to Standard Based Report cards

reflecting student progress within the standard. This will take time to introduce and will not happen for a few years. The Board is taking school safety very seriously. The Board and Jamesburg Police Department are working on improving rooms. Officer Bruno will attend announced lockdowns at both schools. There will be programs on school safety and perhaps have a speaker.

Monroe High School will hold an 8th grade orientation on February 27th at 6:30pm.
The Monroe Library will host a United Way Program on grants/funding.
The Governors Budget will be announced on March 13th.

The Boiler Project is 99% complete. A rebate will be submitted to NJ Clean Energy for \$8,307.20. The playground is operational awaiting warmer weather for pouring of rubber boarder. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held after the completion of the border.

- POLICE COMMITTEE
Council Member Sussman

Council Member Sussman was reported the Jamesburg Police Department has continued to cover the open shifts for helmetta. He welcomed new Appointments to the Police Department, Michael Sansone and Nicholas Dolce. Officer Signorello and Worster finished training.

- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Council Member Czarneski

Council Member Czareneski has no report. She wished Scott Frueh a speedy recovery and welcomed new DPW worker Guido Santiago.

- PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Council Member Rutsky

Council Member Rutsky reported she spoke with DPW Supervisor Paul Intravartola. His crew dealt with the last snowstorm by pre-salting and plowing. Guido Santiago was hired as an additional DPW employee. He started January 18th and is being trained in various duties. We have a pump down at the pump station and it is in the process of being rebuilt. Looking forward, DPW is preparing for Spring clean up and began at the Buckelew house grounds.

- PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE
Council Member Rampacek

Council Member Rampacek reported the Fall Festival will be October 20th.
Spring Easter Egg hunt will be March 24th.
The Library Winter book sale will go until the end of the month. You can fill a tote for \$5.00 or purchase a tote for \$10.00 and fill that.

- ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Scott Frueh

Administrator Frueh was absent. Tax Collector Kevin Hatch reported that he attended a seminar in New Brunswick on Census 2000. The Federal Government and County shared information. He reached out to Chief Craparotta and Zoning Official Maresca for information.

- PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE/MAYOR'S REPORT/CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE
Mayor Lowande

Mayor Lowande had no report.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Proposed By: Rampacek

Seconded By: Ludas

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:40PM

Susan Boulogne
Acting Municipal Clerk
Borough of Jamesburg

