

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 27, 2020

I. ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on April 27, 2020. This meeting was held pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-05, executed by Governor Gina Raimondo and was teleconferenced via Zoom. The public access code to participate by phone was (646) 558-8656 or (253) 215-8782. To participate by computer or mobile app: <https://zoom.us/j/97442326854> Meeting ID: 442 236 140. Town Council Members present were as follows: Michael G. White, Mary Meagher, Nancy A. Beyé, William J. Piva, Jr. and Randy White. Also present Town Administrator Jamie A. Hainsworth, Finance Director Christina D. Collins, Town Solicitor Peter D. Ruggiero, Chief of Police Edward A. Mello, Public and Works Director Michael Gray, Parks & Recreation Director Andrew Wade, and Town Planner, Lisa Bryer.

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Council President White called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Jamestown Town Hall, Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action and/or Vote on the following items:

- A) Review, Discussion and Possible Action on the FY2020-2021 Tentative Budget, Review and Discussion of Proposed Town Administrator’s Budget; Possible action to adopt and recommend proposed FY2020-2021 Town Budget for consideration at the Financial Town Meeting. (Please see table listed below)

	TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET FY2020	T.A. PROPOSED BUDGET FY2021	DIFFERENCE 2020/2021	% DIFF.
Operating	\$9,119,864	\$9,309,338	\$189,474	2.08%
Capital	\$811,920	\$834,233	\$22,313	2.75%
Debt	\$926,804	\$898,799	-\$28,005	-3.02%
New Debt*	<u>\$204,647</u>	<u>\$464,563</u>	<u>\$259,916</u>	<u>127.01%</u>
Town Total	\$11,063,235	\$11,506,933	\$443,698	4.01%
Operating	\$13,174,127	\$13,365,064	\$190,937	1.45%
Capital	\$333,155	\$270,048	-\$63,107	-18.94%
Grant Funds	\$346,282	\$357,846	\$11,564	3.34%
Nutrition	\$166,150	\$163,000	-\$3,150	-1.90%
Debt	\$248,381	\$238,140	-\$10,241	-4.12%
New- School Debt	<u>\$163,000</u>	<u>\$157,138</u>	<u>-\$5,862</u>	<u>-3.60%</u>
School Total	\$14,431,095	\$14,551,236	\$120,141	0.83%

Town & School Total	\$25,494,330	\$26,058,169	\$563,839	2.21%
*Equipment PWD Lease - P&I			\$116,813	
Golf Course - 2.9M/approved 20 yrs Interest Only			\$101,500	
Library - Interest - 1M/approved 20 yrs			\$30,000	
Library - Interest - 1.5M/pending 20 yrs			\$45,000	
Road Paving - P&I - 1.5M/pending 10			<u>\$171,250</u>	
			\$464,563	

President White explained the status and deadlines on the budget,

Councilor Piva stated if Department Heads did not receive municipal raises that would reduce the budget by \$22,000 decrease. He also requested that contracts be looked at. He said he wanted to see a 0% increase.

Vice President Meagher stated to hold on cutting raises and suggested looking at other items first. She also discussed the renovation effort of the library and explained OLIS funding and reimbursement. She requested alternatives to financing the police car and fire truck. She also discussed the correspondence received from The Tax Payers Association regarding moving full time employees to part time, larger co pays, and layoffs. She emphasized that she would be against balancing this budget on the backs of our town employees.

Councilor Beye thanked Vice President Meagher for the explanation of the library. She also agreed that she is not a fan of cutting raises or pay. The larger ticket items on fire truck and police cars need to be addressed and requested the Chiefs explain the need. She also suggested postponing the pickle ball court and improvement to Heads Beach.

Councilor White stated shared the sentiment regarding public service. He also remarked on the reliance of public service during this time. He also agreed on not effecting personnel part of the budget. He questioned the purchase of fire trucks and timeline.

Town Administrator Hainsworth stated prior to COVID 19 this was a solid well planned budget. He explained after the last meeting Finance Director Collins reviewed budget to identify potential cuts. He advised we went to the bone and took the flesh. The Department Heads understood the cuts. They identified savings in supplies. He advised that due to no travel or conferences that was automatically removed. He explained he requested all Department Heads further review expenses and to make only necessary expenditures. The Public Works Engineering Intern was removed, saving \$10,000 from that line item. The Pickle Ball Court and improvements for Heads Beach were also removed.

Council President White questioned what would happen if we were not able to hold a Financial Town Meeting.

Discussion ensued on logistics of continuing the Financial Town Meeting and alternatives

Finance Director Collins advised the proposed budget would be increase of 5 cents.

Vice President Meagher suggested bonding the pumper truck. That would bring us down to 0 and rates are so low right now.

Town Administrator Hainsworth advised on the interest cost of \$65,000 to bond the truck
Discussion ensued on bonding the Fire Truck.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Beye to finance the \$350,000 as a bond for the purchase of the Fire Pumper Truck.

Councilor White questioned the value of the old truck. Chief Bryer advised there was no value to the old truck.

Councilor Piva questioned if Finance Director Collins recommended bonding the truck.

Finance Director advised on the cost of \$65,000 that would be incurred in interest.

Discussion ensued on bond.

Back to the Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

Councilor Piva questioned revenues.

Town Administrator Hainsworth advised on Fort Getty.

Discussion ensued on Fort Getty.

Finance Director Collins explained she is still finalizing numbers with the Tax Assessor. She calculated the rate and currently it is coming in between 8.06 and 8.07. She stated she would finalize that number tomorrow.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to adopt the 11,263,100.00 for General Fund Budget. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

A motion was made by Councilor White with second by Vice President Meagher to adopt the School Expenditure Budget of 14,551, 236.00Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Vice President Meagher to adopt the Total Budget of 25,814,336.00Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

B) Review, Discussion and Possible Action on a Request from the Library Board of Trustees regarding the Library Renovations Status

No discussion or action was taken on this item.

- C) Upcoming Meetings and Sessions – dates and times
 - 1) Town Council Meeting Schedule: May 4, 2020

Finance Director Collins advised on additional resolutions needed for paving and fire truck.

Councilor Piva remarked he would like to see more information on Fort Getty.

**IV. OPEN FORUM- To participate you will press *9 to raise your hand.
The meeting moderator will coordinate your participation.**

Comments are not limited to items on this agenda. However, items not on this agenda will only be heard and not acted upon by the Town Council. Note: Section 42-46-6 of the Open Meetings Act, and Department of the Attorney General Advisory Opinions relevant to this item on any public body meeting agenda specifically prohibits the Town Council from discussing, considering or acting on any topic, statement or question presented. The Town Council may, if warranted, refer such matters to an appropriate committee, to another body or official, or post the matter for consideration at a properly-noticed, future meeting.

- A) Scheduled request to address – None
- B) Non-scheduled request to address

Linda Jamison, of Ocean Avenue thanked the Council for sharpening the budget

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Beye to adjourn at 7:47 P.M. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

Attest:

Erin F. Liese, CMC, Town Clerk