

Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, April 20, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Police Training Room, Fourth Floor
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Anthony Dolce, Council President Regina Brackman, Councilwoman Hannah Jaroszynski

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Clerk/Treasurer Leigh Anne Jordan, Police Chief Scott Forster, Acting Fire Chief Ryan Roush

Councilman Dolce called the meeting to order.

Opportunities for Public Comment

Melissa Darling of 100 Falconer Street, Jamestown, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to speak on an altercation resulting in her son being assaulted at Lillian Dickson Park on April 13, 2026. There is a group of five to six high school boys and girls that drive around the city in a black kia, targeting and causing harm to other children. There have been many instances of altercations involving this group, and to date, nothing has been done to stop the incidents. Ms. Darling has contacted attorneys and CAP as well. Parents are too intimidated to report this and step in to break up the assaults. She has provided the names of the children she knows. Chief Forster will follow up with Ms. Darling and research the situation in the Jamestown Police Department.

Resolutions

1. WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, is administering the 2026 Tactical Team Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown is eligible to receive funding under the 2026 Tactical Team Grant Program, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Mayor and Police Chief be, and hereby are, authorized to receive a grant award for Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00) to be utilized by the Jamestown Police Department to purchase attire and pay for training for the SWAT Team.

- This resolution also appears on the Finance Agenda.

Chief Forster stated that the Jamestown Police Department has applied for this grant for several years and has finally received it.

Councilwoman Brackman moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Jaroszynski.

Carried: 3 – 0

2. WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, is administering the 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, and

WHEREAS, that a Public Hearing is scheduled for April 17, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. to receive public input and comments, and

WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown is eligible to receive funding under the 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Mayor and Police Chief be, and hereby are, authorized to receive a grant award for Twenty-Four Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$24,327.00) to be utilized by the Jamestown Police Department to purchase disposable nitrile gloves Fourteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$14,000.00) and drug test kits for Ten Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$10,327.00).

- This resolution also appears on the Finance Agenda.

Councilwoman Brackman moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Jaroszynski.

Carried: 3 – 0

3. RESOLVED that the Mayor and Mark Roetzer, Jr., P.E., Acting Director of Public Works, be and they hereby are authorized and directed to allow for an in-engine overhaul of Jamestown Fire Department Engine 5, by Ascendance Truck Centers, 6100 Wattsburg Rd., Erie, PA 16509, for a total amount not to exceed Twenty-Four Thousand, Twenty-One Dollars, and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$24,021.28) to be paid from the contingency fund, subject to approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

- This resolution also appears on the Finance Agenda and Public Works Agenda.

Acting Fire Chief Ryan Roush noted that there was hope the Department of Public Works would be able to repair the engine in house, but once they dug in, it was decided the problem was too big, and needed to be fixed elsewhere. The engine is basically being rebuilt.

Councilwoman Brackman moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Jaroszynski.

Carried: 3 – 0

Ordinance/Local Law

4. BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Jamestown, New York, as follows:
 § 175-3 Licenses and Permits Schedule of Fees of the Jamestown City Code is amended as follows:

§ 175-3 Schedule of fees.

[Added 6-13-1994]

B. Fees for the issuance of building permits shall be as follows:

[Amended 1-13-1992; 4-29-1996; 12-18-2000; 12-18-2002; 4-19-2004; 12-20-2004; 2-28-2005; 12-21-2005; 3-19-2007; 11-17-2008; 3-23-2009; 10-26-2009; 11-23-2009; 4-26-2010; 5-23-2011; 11-27-2012; 7-25-2016; 12-19-2016; 11-26-2018; 10-26-2020]

| Type of Permit | Fee |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Parking lots | |
| Patching | \$25 |
| 1 to 12 Spaces | \$100 |
| 13 or more spaces | \$150 |

A patching parking lot permit may be obtained for surface treatment work in a parking lot where the aggregate area of all proposed patching work is less than 1,000 square feet. All contractors must submit a parking lot site plan prior to receiving a Right-of-Way permit from the City of Jamestown Department of Public Works. Site plans must include type of surface treatment, dimensions of existing lot, dimensions of surface treatments, and existing and proposed drainage. All parking lot surface treatments, and drainage requires a permit and is subject to site plan review by the Director of Public Works.

Councilman Dolce had questions for Mark Roetzer during the full work session, to further explain the proposed ordinance.

Councilwoman Brackman moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Jaroszynski.

Carried: 3 – 0

5. BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Jamestown, New York, as follows:
[§ 252-10 of the Jamestown City Code, Restoration of street surface.](#) is amended as follows:

[Added 7-10-1972]

A. Temporary patch. Any excavation or opening in the streets or highways of the City shall be closed and made safe ~~with a temporary patch~~ as soon as possible after the work requiring such excavation or opening shall have been completed. ~~Such A~~ temporary patch shall ~~be installed and~~ be sufficiently stable that the repaired portion shall not be above or below the grade of the surrounding pavement and that normal traffic use by the general public will not be rendered dangerous or unsafe. ~~The temporary patch shall be installed with an impervious cap; cold patch, blacktop, concrete, ect. The contractor is responsible for maintenance on the temporary patch until a final repair can be made. The temporary patch shall be installed within sixty (60) days of the NYS Dig Ticket start date. If the temporary patch is not installed within these sixty (60) days the City of Jamestown DPW will complete the repair, and the Right-of-Way permit holder will be charged for those repairs. The Right-of-Way permit holder will also be charged a \$250 fine for the first occurrence, \$500 for the 2nd occurrence, and \$500 for each subsequent infraction within one calendar year.~~

B. Final repair; responsibility of permittee for backfill. Upon completion of such work and installation of such temporary patch, ~~such person shall notify the Director of Public Works. Final repair of such pavement shall in all cases be made by the City, and the cost thereof shall be charged to the permittee.~~ In the event that such repaired pavement should sink or become uneven during the period of ~~one~~ five year following the excavation or opening, it shall be presumed that the excavation or opening was improperly filled, and such pavement and excavation should be repaired by the City at the expense of permittee.

C. Payment for work performed in the right-of-way. Each permittee shall be responsible for all costs associated with repair of the damaged right-of-way infrastructure, regardless of prior conditions.

[Amended 3-21-2005]

D. Determination of costs of repair of pavement. The costs of repairs and patching of pavements shall be determined by the Director of Public Works and shall, where practicable, be based upon the area in square feet being repaired.^[1]

[1]

Editor's Note: Former § 252-10E, regarding excavation in street where pavement was laid less than three years previous to application, which subsection immediately followed this subsection, was repealed 3-21-2005.

Councilman Dolce had questions for Mark Roetzer during the full work session, to further explain the proposed ordinance.

Councilwoman Brackman moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Jaroszynski.

Carried: 3 – 0

6.

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Jamestown, New York as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent: It is the intent of this local law to allow the City of Jamestown to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority: This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override: The City Council of the City of Jamestown, County of Chautauqua, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability: If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not effect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation in the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date: This local law shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the Secretary of State.

Councilman Dolce explained that this Local Law allows for the tax cap override if deemed necessary, it doesn't necessarily raise it unless there is a need. It is best to do this sooner than later, so it is available when going through the budget process.

Councilwoman Brackman moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Jaroszynski.

Carried: 3 – 0

Informational Report

7. Special Event – Labyrinth Summer Music Series, to be held on various dates from May to September, on the top landing step of building's front staircase, and on the Labyrinth property. General hours of operation will be from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. (including set up and tear down), with brunch performance hours ranging from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Brackman moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Jaroszynski.

Carried: 3 – 0

8. Special Event – 3rd on Third, to be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, in May, June, July, August, and September, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. (including set up and tear down), on Third Street, between Main Street and Spring Street.

Councilwoman Brackman moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Jaroszynski.

Carried: 3 – 0

9. Special Event – Tarp Skunks Post Game Fireworks, to be held on Friday, May 29, 2026, Friday, July 3, 2026, and Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. (including set up and tear down), at Russell E. Diethrick Jr., Park.

Councilwoman Brackman moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Jaroszynski.

Carried: 3 – 0

10. Special Event – Jamestown Farmers Market and PRIDE Event, to be held every Saturday, beginning June 6, 2026, through November 21, 2026 (with the exception of July 4, 2026), from 7:30 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. (including set up and tear down), on Third Street, between Spring Street and Main Street (with the addition Main Street from Third to Fourth Streets, and Third Street from Main to Cherry Streets for the PRIDE Event on June 13, and additional programming on July 11, 2026).

Councilwoman Brackman moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Jaroszynski.

Carried: 3 – 0

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Acting City Clerk/Treasurer Leigh Anne Jordan