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## RIVERDALE - Ailing business group lingers on

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**RIVERDALE** - The few members of the Riverdale Business Association (RBA) that attended its monthly meeting at Berta's Chateau in Wanaque agreed to keep the organization going.

For months the group has been plagued by a lack of attendance during its regular meetings and annual events.

Things have gotten so bad it has made it difficult to keep the annual events it holds functioning, such as the Christmas tree lighting and the beefsteaks.

RBA Member Neil Keough said the group barely got the tree in front of the Riverdale School lit this past holiday and attendance at last year's beefsteak was so low the active members decided to not hold one this year.

During the Jan. 18 meeting, Keough said only four members showed up. They agreed to collect this year's dues and use the funds they have to keep the RBA running.

"The president feels that it is worth it. If you don't keep it open then there's no future for it. If you keep it open and people start showing interests then it is still there," said Keough.

Keough said the golf outing will still be held.

"It will be a low key golf outing. When we started the golf outings it was so good but now everybody and their brother is doing golf outings. As same as the beefsteaks and between that and the lack of participation it gets tougher and tougher," said Keough.

The RBA holds its monthly meetings at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at Berta's Chateau. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 16.

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