

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Carelli, Guis, Mastrangelo, Revis**  
**Absent: Wetzel**

Mayor Budesheim announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to close the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Councilman Guis stated that he met with the Construction Department and our own people are willing to accept a 25% cut in salary which does not match the Wanaque proposal which would save us approximately \$30,963 over last year. If we keep our own department the savings will be \$15,642. I believe it's worth it. This is the first year the Construction Department has not made enough money to cover their salaries and expenses. We've had many years where we've made hundreds of thousands of dollars on that department. For \$15,322 dollars difference in savings I would prefer to keep our own department here. I spoke with a current part time employee who had filled in for the TACO and would be more than willing to work in the office and keep things going. I'm looking at alternatives.

Mayor Budesheim stated that the only thing you'll get is somebody to sit there for six hours. Right now during the day none of our inspectors are there. If you need an inspection you call another town to have them come down here. I don't know if anybody is really going to notice the difference.

Councilman Guis asked about the fee schedule and Mayor Budesheim stated our fees would apply. Councilman Guis requested clarification of item 3 in the contract. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we could get clarification. It was decided to vote on Resolution No. 10-2104 separately.

Councilman Guis stated that he felt \$30,000 was a lot of money for water and sewer billing collection services and asked if we got any alternative prices. Mayor Budesheim stated that it was single source. They will be doing the billing and all we pay for is the postage. They also have a system to do e-bills which could potentially save us \$1,000 a year on postage and we won't have to renew our Edmunds module which is an immediate savings of \$2,300. They have people at the teller window all the time and they do it for Kinnelon and Bloomingdale and it's worked well.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he wants to bring a part time office employee in to work between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. She's willing to work for \$12.00 an hour. She can take in and post taxes, do bank runs, answer phones and whatever needs to be done in the front office.

There was a brief discussion regarding resolution No. 4. Council has no objection pending approval by the Borough Engineer.

**RESOLUTIONS (continued):**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve the following resolutions:

- 1) Payment of Claims.
- 2) **Resolution No. 11-2014;** Transfer of 2013 Appropriations.
- 4) Approval or denial of request from Mr. Imad Saleh for a curb cut at 55 Newark Pompton Turnpike; curb cut on Federal Place, conditioned on approval of the Borough Engineer. (Held from December 30<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. Copy of information from prior request distributed to governing body with agenda)

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Guis, Mastrangelo, Revis**  
**Nays: None**  
**(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the following resolution:

- 3) **Resolution No. 10-2014;** Shared Services Agreement with Wanaque Borough for a period of four years at a rate of \$40,000.00 per year. (Held from December 30<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting.)

**ROLL CALL:**       **Ayes:**   **Astarita, Mastrangelo, Revis**  
                           **Nays:**   **Carelli, Guis**  
                           **(3 ayes – 2 nays – motion carried)**

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the following resolution:

- 5) **Resolution No. 12-2014;** Authorizing the Entry into a Shared Services Agreement Between the Borough of Riverdale and the Borough of Butler for Water and Sewer Billing and Collection Services. (Copy of Resolution and Agreement transmitted to governing body)

**ROLL CALL:**       **Ayes:**   **Astarita, Carelli, Guis, Mastrangelo, Revis**  
                           **Nays:**   **None**  
                           **(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 5-A, B AND C**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) From Mr. Michael Salvati expressing problems with the overnight parking restriction between December 1 and April 1 each year. Stating that he certainly appreciates that the local officials are concerned with preserving the safety and protection during times of inclement weather, but believe the ordinance pertaining to this imposes an unnecessary restriction and undue burden to the residents of Riverdale. (Held from December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. (Copy of letter transmitted to governing body with agenda)

No discussion.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim stated that he wants to bring a part time employee in to work in the front office between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Linda Roetman has been out for two weeks between vacation and illness and she is still ill. I recommend Connie Anderson.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to appoint Connie Anderson as a part time office assistant to work four hours per day, Monday through Friday at a salary of \$12.00 per hour.

**ROLL CALL:**       **Ayes:**   **Astarita, Carelli, Guis, Mastrangelo, Revis**  
                           **Nays:**   **None**  
                           **(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:** No Report

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:** No Report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** No Report

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** No Report

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No Report

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** No Report

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Councilman Astarita reported that he's been checking on the library roof and it looks like they finished.

**PERSONNEL:** No Report

Mayor Budesheim stated that he would like our Building Department to stay on until the end of January to finish up any pre-existing permits and give them some notice. Anything new will go to Wanaque.

Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to keep the current Building Department employees until January 31<sup>st</sup> to close out any open permits.

**ROLL CALL:**       **Ayes:   Astarita, Carelli, Guis, Mastrangelo, Revis**  
                          **Nays:   None**  
                          **(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to close the public session.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Carol J. Talerico, R.M.C.  
Municipal Clerk