

The regular meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Budesheim presiding.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Falkoski, Guis, Mastrangelo, Wetzel, Carelli  
Absent: None**

**Also Present: Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Sturm**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:**

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| Regular Meeting        | - | December 16, 2013           |
| Special Meeting        | - | December 30, 2013           |
| Reorganization Meeting | - | January 6, 2014 (corrected) |
| Workshop Meeting       | - | January 6, 2014             |

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**Abstain: Wetzel (January 6th only)  
Guis (December 16<sup>th</sup> only)  
Revis (December 16<sup>th</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup> only)**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ORDINANCES:**

The Municipal Clerk read the Temporary Capital Budget resolution.

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

- 1) **Resolution No. 22-2014;** Temporary Capital Budget to be adopted prior to the introduction of Ordinance No. 01-2014.

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

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 10-A**

- 1) Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

**ORDINANCES (continued):****ORDINANCE 01-2014**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND FOR THE PREPARATION OF SAID PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC USE IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,700,000 THEREFORE, INCLUDING A \$325,000 GRANT EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PURSUANT TO THE GREEN ACRES PROGRAM AND A \$870,375 GRANT EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY OF MORRIS FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,700,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

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

**COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 11-B****RESOLUTIONS:**

Council discussed alternatives to leasing a postage meter. It was decided to table resolution No. 4 until the next meeting.

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

- 1) Payment of Claims.
- 2) A. **Resolution No. 23-2014;** Mayor Budesheim to appoint John Paparazzo as Riverdale Municipal Court Judge with council confirmation.  
    B. Approval of Municipal Court Judge salary of \$25,000 per year.
- 3) Approval of release of escrow funds to Pat Caraccio, 15 Riverview Terrace for the withdrawal of her application to the Planning Board in the amount of \$500.
- 4) Tabled.
- 5) Removed.
- 6) Approval of refund of overpayment of water bill to Sandra Auld, 38 Rock Creek Terrace in the amount of \$743.51.
- 7) **Resolution No. 13-2014;** Professional Agreement – DMC Associates, Inc. Land Surveyors.
- 8) **Resolution No. 14-2014;** Professional Agreement – John L. Kraft, Esq. Bond Counsel Services.
- 9) **Resolution No. 15-2014;** Professional Agreement – William D. Ryden, P.E. Anderson & Denzler Associates, Water/Sewer Engineering Services.
- 10) **Resolution No. 16-2014;** Professional Agreement – Paul Darmofalski, P.E. Darmofalski Engineering Associates, Inc. Engineering Services.
- 11) **Resolution No. 17-2014;** Professional Agreement – Richard J. Clemack, Esq. Special Counsel Services.
- 12) **Resolution No. 18-2014;** Professional Agreement – Vincent M. Montanino, Registered Municipal Accountant, VM Associates, Inc. Auditing Services.
- 13) **Resolution No. 19-2014;** Professional Agreement – Robert Oostdyk, Esq. Murphy McKeon, P.C. Legal Services.
  - a. **(copy of professional agreements for resolutions #13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 transmitted to governing body with agenda)**

**RESOLUTIONS (continued):**

- 14) **Resolution No. 20-2014;** Opening of a Water/Sewer Account and a Building Department Account for Shared Services deposits.
- 15) **Resolution No. 21-2013;** Transfer of 2013 Appropriation Reserves.
- 16) Approval of 2014 Towing License for Malanga's Automotive which has been reviewed by Kevin Smith, Chief of Police and everything is found to be in order and fee has been paid.
- 17) Authorization of payment to Mad Science of Denville for a children's program to be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$300. Check to be issued for payment the day of the event.
- 18) Approval of Proposal for surveying services for Riverdale Property Acquisitions, Green Acres/Blue Acres Funding for the properties on Harrison Road, #'s 1, 3, 9, 134,49, and 51 and 145 Riverview Terrace in the amount of \$8,050.00. **(This proposal replaces the DAB proposal listed in resolution #5)**

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

**COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 12-C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L AND M****UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Purchase of DOT Property located at the Magnus Tract from the DOT for an amount of \$15,000 to \$16,000 – discussed at the October 7<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting.

Mayor Budesheim stated that nothing is happening yet with this property.

**MAYOR REPORT:**

Mayor Budesheim announced that Mercedes Swanson, the longest term employee at the library, passed away yesterday. She was with us 27 years.

There is a resident involved in a non-profit for rehabilitation of returning war veterans and he is looking for office space. We were thinking about leasing one of the offices on the second floor of Glenburn. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that this would require an ordinance. Council discussed the matter.

The sewer and water bills have not been mailed yet. They have been working on them and the condition of them has been described as a disaster. We've been trying to straighten it out for the past four or five days. Once we get this done they will be accurate and it will be running smoothly.

I think we should re-emphasize and reinforce the state law regarding emails. There have been a couple of accounts where every email has been deleted. They are public documents and not to be destroyed.

There was a discussion regarding the transfer to Wanaque for Building Department services.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Councilman Carelli reported that he received a call from our accounts payable employee who is rather overwhelmed in that position. We authorized 25 hours

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

per week for her. She's been here a little under two months trying to get out from under the backlog and learn the new system. We only authorized 25 hours per week. She feels it's a full time position and I told her we're not in a position to decide that. I told her the council might consider increasing her up to 32-1/2 hours until March 1<sup>st</sup> to give her a chance to get caught up and more acquainted with the position. At that point we can evaluate whether it is a full time position going forward. I briefly discussed this with Councilman Revis, the Mayor and our CFO and I believe that they are willing to try this.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to authorize part-time Bookkeeper Susan Ramirez to work up to 32-1/2 hours per week until March 1, 2014.

**ROLL CALL:**       **Ayes:    Carelli, Guis, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel**  
                           **Nays:    Astarita**  
                           **(5 ayes – 1 nay – motion carried)**

Councilman Carelli stated that it is almost budget time and he will be sending out worksheets to everyone soon.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilman Mastrangelo reported that he has an application for the Riverdale Fire Department.

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the application from Christopher Michael Venza for membership in the Riverdale Fire Department.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No Report.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Councilwoman Wetzel reported on the possibility of renting the ball fields to some interested parties. I met with the President and Vice President of the Little League to discuss the field situation. They are not using the Riverdale fields as their primary fields but they do use them for practice. They have not been doing a lot of work on the fields as they had when they were more active there. They did not have a problem with giving up one field completely but wanted to keep one for practice and overscheduled games. They did want us to consider that in case of flooding at Joe Grill field they could still have priority for the fields. We discussed maintenance issues and rental fees. As we generate money from the rentals we should use that money to fix the fields. The season is coming up and if we want to offer it for public use we need to come up with the criteria. After Council discussion it was decided to evaluate the sprinkler system.

Councilwoman Wetzel reported on summer recreation. I had an in depth meeting with the summer recreation director, Krista Osborne, and the previous director, June Carelli. Summer Rec is a five week program held at the Community Center for children who are coming out of kindergarten and going into 8th grade. It has proven to be very difficult to please and manage the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Most of them have been coming since 1<sup>st</sup> grade and they are bored by that time and don't want to participate. Krista anticipates only two or three will register this summer and she suggested ending Summer Rec at 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Pompton Lakes is agreeable to allowing the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graders to attend recreation at the teen center during the summer. Council was in agreement with the change.

Councilwoman Wetzel reported on new playground equipment for Freedom Park.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):**

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Councilman Astarita reported that the library roof is done.

**PERSONNEL:** Councilman Revis stated that Councilman Carelli reported on the major issue facing personnel and it was well handled.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:**

There being no comments, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, that the public portion be closed.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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