

January 28, 2015

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, Carelli, Clinton, Pellegrini, Revis, Mastrangelo
Absent: None**

Also Present: Police Chief Smith and 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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| Closed Session | - | December 15, 2014 |
| Reorganization Meeting | - | January 7, 2015 |
| Workshop Meeting | - | January 7, 2015 |

Mayor Budesheim requested that the minutes of the workshop meeting on January 7th be clarified. Mr. Hamilton had stated at that meeting that he was notified every year by the police to cut his shrubs. The Police Chief said that they had never done that.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION NO 1:

Steven Loesner, 61 Cottage Place, asked Mayor Budesheim when he would make restitution to the Borough in the sum of \$5,371.92 in light of his recent notification of violation from the State. Mayor Budesheim replied that he would get back to him.

Keith Hamilton, 14 Van Duyne Avenue, stated that Chief Smith wasn't the Chief at the time he was told by the Police that he didn't trim his hedges.

Dave Desai, 22 Cotluss Road, asked if the position of Community Center Director was on the salary ordinance before and how it differs from the Facility Director position. Mayor Budesheim responded that it was and he doesn't know. Mr. Desai asked if there was a plan in place to utilize the credit coming from the Sewer Authority. Mayor Budesheim replied that he did not receive anything from the Sewer Authority yet.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCES:

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 01-2015

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES OR WAGES OF OFFICIALS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF
MORRIS**

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ORDINANCES (continued):

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Budesheim announced that this Ordinance was open for public participation.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 01-2015 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

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- 2) Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to introduce the following ordinance as amended, and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 02-2015

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 32, LOT 1.01 FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

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RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) Payment of Claims (including the following):
 - a. RFM Printing - February Newsletter - A&E o/e \$ 935.85
 - b. Pompton Lakes/Riverdale First Aid Squad – donation \$6,000.00
- 2) **Resolution No. 12-2015(A);** Awarding a Contract to Bella Cleaning and Carting, LLC to Provide Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection Services (Amended - Contractor Providing Container).
- 3) Approval of 2015 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.
- 4) Approval for Riverdale Street Fair to be held on Labor Day, September 7, 2015, organized by JC Promotions and to close down the street for the event.
- 5) **Resolution No. 13-2015;** Professional Agreement – DMC Associates, Inc. Land Surveyors.
- 6) **Resolution No. 14-2015;** Professional Agreement – John L. Kraft, Esq. Bond Counsel Services.

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RESOLUTIONS (continued):

- 7) **Resolution No. 15-2015;** Professional Agreement – William D. Ryden, P.E. Anderson & Denzler Associates, Water/Sewer Engineering Services.
- 8) **Resolution No. 16-2015;** Professional Agreement – Paul Darmofalski, P.E. Darmofalski Engineering Associates, Inc. Engineering Services.
- 9) **Resolution No. 17-2015;** Professional Agreement – Richard J. Clemack, Esq. Special Counsel Services.
- 10) **Resolution No. 18-2015;** Professional Agreement – Vincent M. Montanino, Registered Municipal Accountant, VM Associates, Inc. Auditing Services.
- 11) **Resolution No. 19-2015;** 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)**
- 12) **Resolution No. 20-2015;** Professional Agreement – Boswell Engineering, Sewer Study - Engineering Services **(copy of proposal transmitted to governing body with agenda)**
- 13) **Resolution No. 21-2015;** Emergency Temporary Appropriations
- 14) **Resolution No. 22-2015;** Cancellation of Taxes – Block 30, Lot 57, Borough of Riverdale
- 15) **Resolution No. 23-2015;** Transfer of 2014 Appropriation Reserves

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Council Committees

Councilman Mastrangelo stated that other than Councilman Pellegrini everyone wants to hold on to their committees and the bylaws clearly state that the Mayor does appoint the committees.

Councilman Carelli asked for clarification that the Council approves the committees. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that the Council has to approve their committees as proposed by the Mayor. Councilman Carelli stated that he offered his assistance to Councilman Pellegrini and will assist in any way he can.

Thereupon, Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve the Council Committee appointments made by the Mayor.

ALL IN FAVOR

COPY OF 2015 COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 14-P

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No report.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that he and Councilman Carelli met with the Police and Fire Chiefs to discuss their proposed expenditure budgets for 2015 and found them to be acceptable and well done. Notice was received about the FEMA grant for self-contained breathing apparatus and we should be receiving that money shortly. The Fire Chief presented a membership application from Cameron Cleary.

Thereupon, Councilman Revis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to approve the application from Cameron Cleary for membership in the Riverdale Fire Department.

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PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: No report.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that the borough hall reroofing project is not done. They are still waiting for the flashing.

PERSONNEL: No Report.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that one of the older police vehicles needs \$5,000 in repairs and the Police Chief has obtained price quotations for a replacement. The Sewer Authority sent a resolution authorizing connection to and operation of the Hamburg Turnpike Sewer Extension. Mayor Budesheim read a letter and statement into the record from resident Glenn Venza who was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Budesheim also read a statement that he prepared into the record.

COPY OF LETTER AND STATEMENTS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 15-Q

Council President Mastrangelo read a resolution in support of the Department of Public Works.

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

Resolution No. 24-2015; Resolution in Support of the Riverdale Department of Public Works

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

CLOSED SESSION: CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Clinton, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a contractual matter.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session.

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Absent: None**

PUBLIC SAFETY (continued): Councilman Revis reported that the Police Chief gave the Public Safety Committee a report on department activity that is worth noting. Traffic violations, arrests and criminal charges are dramatically high and the department ranks first in traffic violations, summons issued and second in criminal charges in comparison to nine other departments in the vicinity in 2014. The department does a great job and we certainly appreciate that.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION NO 2:

Keith Hamilton, 14 Van Duynes Avenue, stated that in response to the comments made earlier he did not have a problem with the DPW and they do a fantastic job. If our DPW is helping elderly individuals or people who need help by all means do so. Mr. Venza is an able bodied young man who can maintain his own property and I the taxpayer should not have to pay for it. My problem wasn't with the DPW but with the oversight of the Borough who is responsible for the DPW. I did not call Crime Stoppers and your insinuation I find offensive. If I have a problem with you, Mr. Mayor, I will bring it to you directly. The reason you do not like our blog is because we fill the gaps that are missing and I put the truth out there.

William Felegi, 68 Mountain View Court, stated that the DPW takes the time to do the right thing because they know that's what makes Riverdale great. He thanked the DPW and thanked the Mayor for his statement and the Council for the resolution.

Mayor Budesheim stated that Crime Stoppers came so quickly it had to come from the people who knew about it or as a result to the blogs. If the DPW sees a problem they fix it and I do not micro-manage any department in this town. We have professionals and they do their jobs. If this is how Mr. Schotanus wants to run his department then I say continue doing it. This is obviously a political attack from the very source to the outcome.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk