

The workshop 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 William 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

PRESENTATION TO THE POMPTON LAKES HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENT OF 2012 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mayor Budesheim announced that the Pompton Lakes Football Team has won their second consecutive state championship. This is something that they and the entire community can be proud of. These young men have taken the time to keep up with their studies and also take part in a very grueling football schedule. Taking up other interests shows that you're looking to become a more rounded individual. Our community is very proud of you. Steve Revis, Vice President of the Riverdale Board of Education, assisted with presentation of certificates of achievement to each member of the team.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim reported that he was able to get in touch with the utility companies about the lines that were down on Cotluss Road. They were back in place as of Friday.

The increase this year for the Animal Control Contract with Bloomingdale was \$2,121.00. I met with Board of Health Chairman, Tom Batelli, and one of the Board members to discuss this. I called Bloomingdale and worked out an agreement with the Mayor to take \$1,000.00 off of that so it's now a \$1,121.00 increase. Next year it will go up to the full amount.

So far I have collected the money to keep the newsletter going this year. I billed 2012 at the end of the year and have collected enough in sponsor fees to cover the entire cost for all of last year with a little bit of money left over.

Mayor Budesheim advised Councilwoman Wetzel that there were checks payable to us for food handler inspection fees. Pequannock picked up the checks and notified the merchants that they had to reissue the checks payable to Pequannock. They have not sent us the money and its \$3,500 which we weren't able to anticipate this year in our budget. Councilwoman Wetzel will look into the matter.

Mayor Budesheim reported that a new car dealer in Butler is looking for a place to park new cars for a year or two while they get their approvals from the Butler Planning Board to expand their parking area. He met with them and worked out a deal that they would pay us \$21,000 a year to use the Verizon building parking lot. This will not interfere

MAYOR REPORT (continued):

with anything Push to Walk has planned. He passed out a sketch showing the parking area. They are looking at March 1st and our attorney advised we have to go out to bid.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to approve the following resolution:

- 1) **Resolution No. 25-2013;** Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for a License to Park Motor Vehicles on a Portion of Municipal Property (83 Newark Pompton Turnpike).

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

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Mayor Budesheim reported that the last two cars were sold on GovDeals today. We got \$2,750 for the Impala and \$1,525 for the Ford Explorer.

For the next agenda the Fire Department needs two sets of turnout gear at a cost of \$4,564.86 from capital.

The Mayor of Woodland Park is asking us to support a resolution they've adopted petitioning the Environmental Protection Agency. The Passaic Valley Water Commission wants to drain three reservoirs and replace them with large concrete tanks. The cost could be upward of \$100 million. We are customers of the Passaic Valley Water Commission and they go up in cost 4 or 5 percent each year.

Powder Mill senior housing has 147 residential units. We only put one meter in each building but we charge them the single family rate of \$80 per year and they pay for the water used. They also have 2" meters going into the buildings in case of need for fire suppression. They're getting charged the individual fee and a collective fee of about \$2,400 a year. We should not be double charging for those meters. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we need to clarify an interpretation of the ordinance.

Revised rental agreements for the Community Center and Glenburn were discussed. They reflect fee increases and some rule changes based on our observations of how the facilities are being used and associated costs. Our plan is to put the rental fees into the facilities line item so if there are any needs the money doesn't have to come out of any other budget.

Councilwoman Wetzel reported on her meeting with June Carelli to discuss the rental agreements. One of the biggest concerns was about including rental fees for non-residents at the Community Center. We feel it would increase the wear and tear on the building and it is being used to its maximum right now. Even with the fees increasing it is still very reasonable. There will be a rental fee, maintenance fee and security deposit.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that there will be a resolution for the 2012 Recycling Tonnage Grant on the next agenda.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Carelli reported that he has the budget report. He has a detailed list of what we spent in 2012 and will start putting budget meetings together by department. The Finance Officer is still working on numbers from last year. We'll be about \$50,000 short of replenishing what we used from surplus. One of the largest budget items is police and salaries and he needs some information on the contract negotiations for budget purposes. Councilman Carelli clarified that the Council Committees consist of two members from the Council and the third member is the Mayor. Each Committee has an alternate member whose purpose is to step in if one of the other members can't make it to a committee meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported on the purchase of an SUV for the Police Department. The Mayor would not sign the requisition and I spoke with him about it.

Thereupon, Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to direct the Borough Clerk to process the requisition for a SUV for the Police Department based upon the authority of the Council.

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

Councilwoman Wetzel asked if the Mayor could decline to sign a requisition after the Council made a decision and voted on it. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that it was the Council that put in this procedure whereby the Mayor would certify that he realizes it was approved by the Council. Mayor Budesheim clarified his reason for not signing was that there was new information from Bond Counsel.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he received the revisions from Bloomingdale on the street sweeping contract.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported that the Senior Citizen Club had submitted a request for a specific amount in their budget. They wanted an immediate answer so I explained to them that we need to go through the budgetary process. This week I met with June Carelli regarding the facilities and with Krista Osborne with regards to recreation. The newsletter deadline and procedures were clarified with the Mayor. The Easter Event and Bunny Breakfast will be held on March 30th. Tickets are on sale and the deadline is March 10th. She reported that we are sharing services with Pompton Lakes for many recreation events but it would be a problem to absorb Pompton Lakes into our summer recreation program. The summer recreation program is scheduled for July 1st through August 2nd and the first registration is March 14th. Applications for counselors will be taken in March and April. The next recreation meeting is February 26th at 7:00 at the Community Center. The chair lift in the Community Center is complete and has passed inspection. They are building additional closets for storage space. Money is being collected and there is finally enough to purchase a defibrillator. The wooden floors need to be refinished.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that the Behr Plastic sign is up and will hopefully be seen by the truckers. I'll be picking up the applications for the CDBG process next week and they'll be presented before the board on March 5th and 6th so I will not be able to attend the March 5th meeting here.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PERSONNEL: Councilman Mastrangelo reported that he is working on the matter of the rice notice. He requested that a committee consisting of himself, Councilman Falkoski and Councilman Astarita discuss the matter and come up with a plan. It will be discussed at the next workshop and be resolved at the following regular meeting. Councilwoman Wetzel recommended that because this involves a financial matter and will have a direct impact on the budget, Councilman Carelli be the third person on the committee. Councilmen Guis and Astarita agreed. Councilman Carelli felt that the committee should meet in the next two weeks and have a discussion at the next council meeting. Council agreed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Glenn Venza, 14 Macopin Avenue, stated that the bid specifications for the car parking license should require that no car carriers be used. He also asked if we were saving any money by having shared recreation services with Pompton Lakes. Councilwoman Wetzel explained that recreation is set up as money in and money out and does not get filtered through the budget. Mr. Venza stated that it should not be called a shared service.

Allen Lewis, 16 Morris Avenue, asked if we would consider renting the Community Center to residents of Pompton Lakes. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that perhaps we would allow a combined team or school event. Right now we're having an issue there with maximum renting and noise complaints so opening it up to every individual in Pompton Lakes for private parties isn't the best idea right now. Councilman Carelli stated that it has been used by civic organizations such as the Girl Scouts and little league. The reason we've limited it to Riverdale residents for a private party is that Riverdale residents' tax dollars paid for it so we felt they should have the first chance at renting the building. Just by doing that it's filled every weekend. Mr. Lewis thanked the Council for the sign to prevent trucks on Morris Avenue. He also stated his concerns with the de-snagging work that was done. It is flat and there's no berm to stop the water. Councilman Guis stated he was there with the Borough Engineer and explained that the elevation has not been reduced.

Barbara Lukash, 17 Mathews Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for reinstating the newsletter. She also told Councilwoman Wetzel that she is doing a great job with recreation and the idea of commingling with Pompton Lakes is fantastic.

Michael Kheypets, 32 Parkway, asked if there was a reason the streets were not salted during the recent storm. Mayor Budesheim stated that they often will do the intersections and not the streets. It is a judgment call made by the DPW. Councilman Guis explained that the police will call when they feel there's a need. Depending on the severity of the storm the hills and the intersections are hit first.

A resident of Halsey Avenue asked about the plans for COAH units at the Verizon building. Mayor Budesheim responded and stated that we will have a public meeting on this hopefully in May. It will be about two years before the property will be developed.

Brad Clinton, Wilson Avenue, asked about adding the alternate members on the Council Committees. Councilman Carelli explained that it was a clarification and there was no change.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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