

February 25, 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:

Workshop Meeting - February 11, 2015

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION NO 1:

Steven Loesner, 61 Cottage Place, stated that last month he asked Mayor Budesheim when he would make restitution to the Borough of the \$5,300 he owes. Mayor Budesheim replied that he said he would get back to him.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 2-2015

**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**

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

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

Dave Desai, 22 Cotluss Road, asked where the property was located. Mayor Budesheim responded.

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

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MAYOR REPORT (continued):

for the Quarry License renewal. He said he has some serious issues and has met with owners of the Quarry and this will be more than a pro forma approval. There were no objections to the date. We have a settlement offer from Riverdale Square that we will discuss in closed session. Mayor Budesheim stated that he wants to have Recreation Director be a part-time paid position. Councilman Carelli said that he had some ideas and would meet with the director before the next meeting to discuss them and make a recommendation.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Pellegrini asked everyone to take a look at tonight's handout. They will have a Finance meeting and take it from there.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that he and the Mayor met with the Police and Fire Chiefs and noted that Mr. Carelli did hit the Fire Department's budget numbers as presented in the meeting and the Police Chief's numbers are in there as well.

Fire Chief Sturm reported that they are in the process of looking at a new pumper rescue vehicle and they are exploring funding.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilman Carelli reported that he reached out to the Board of Health to ask if they would consider changing their meetings from the third to the second Tuesday of the month so he could attend their meetings since he would like to be active as their liaison. He is waiting to hear back and he hopes to attend their next meeting in April.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that he will attend the CDBG meetings on March 2nd and March 12th. He met with the library to get their ideas about the building and the leaks. We have to meet with the architect to determine how to handle the dormers that are leaking. He also handed out a field maintenance proposal. The two ball fields are now in pristine condition and we would like to keep them that way. Councilman Carelli asked if the proposal was for both maintenance of the fields and handling the advertising. Councilman Astarita stated that it was for both.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to approve the 2015 Field Maintenance Proposal to be contracted to a third party at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00 per year (two quotations will be acquired).

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

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PERSONNEL: No Report.

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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 matter of potential litigation concerning the water charges.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Closed session being completed, the meeting returns to public session at 8:08 p.m.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Astarita, Carelli, Clinton, Pellegrini, Revis, Mastrangelo
Absent: None**

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, to instruct the Borough Attorney to draw up a settlement for the matter of Riverdale Square water billing.

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

Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we did get an appeal on the garbage contract so that is now in the appellate court.

Councilman Astarita reported on additional repairs needed in the kitchen at the firehouse and recommended we give them \$4,000 to help with these repairs.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, approving \$4,000 for new cabinets and repairs at the firehouse.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION NO 2:

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

ALL IN FAVOR

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk