

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the roll call followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Budesheim presiding.

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

Also present: Fire Chief Sturm and Police Chief Smith

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED:

Regular Meeting - February 25, 2015

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

ALL IN FAVOR

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

RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1) Payment of Claims including the following:
 - a. Kunzman Construction – Payment #9 Glenburn Rehab \$13,339.76
 - b. State Treasurer – CPWM Certification Exam Fee – Rob Nichols \$ 50.00
- 2) **Resolution No. 30-2015;** Recycling Tax 2014
- 3) Authorizing the appointment of Karen Grygus as substitute crossing guard at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.
- 4) Authorizing the title for 2006 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #12FAHP71W16X113630 to be turned over to Officer Eric Hollenstein for the purpose of disposition of the vehicle.
- 5) Final Payment to North Jersey Power Systems in the amount of \$5,000.60 for work completed on the generator.

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

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS ON PAGE NO. 24-A AND B

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

Mayor Budesheim stated that Ordinance No. 04-2015; Ordinance Providing for Fees for Use of Fields and for Advertising Banners, will be introduced at the next meeting and opened the floor to the council for questions.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim requested authorization to allow the Municipal attorney and the planner for the affordable housing, Bob Michaels, to start preparing our defense for the affordable housing plan in case the Borough has to go to court.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Councilman Pellegrini stated that he and Councilpersons Carelli and Clinton met with the CFO to discuss the budget. Also that he had asked the CFO to attend the next Council meeting to answer questions and further discuss the budget.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis stated that the new police vehicle is in the possession of the Borough and thanked the Council members.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Mastrangelo read a planning board ordinance in which some residents had asked for clarification on.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilman Carelli met with the recreation director with Councilman Clinton. Councilman Carelli left a proposal with the recreation director and had not heard back from her after.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita attended the CDBG meeting. Received two quotes for the field maintenance. Bob Lopinski had the lowest quote for \$6,000 per year. NMS quoted \$9,600 and New Age Sports quoted \$9,000. Bob Lopinski will be responsible for the advertising, field usage, and taking care of the baseball fields.

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilperson Mastrangelo, to award Bob Lopinski as having the lowest quote to handle advertising for the baseball field along with the field usage and to take care of the field, not to exceed \$6,000 per year.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Carelli, Clinton, Pellegrini, Revis, Mastrangelo

Nays: None

(6 ayes- 0 nays- motion carried)

PERSONNEL: No report

DISCUSSION OF 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Councilman Clinton expressed his concern with not increasing taxes and the associated risks. Believes that the one percent increase will help with the additional costs and keeping the municipality safe while not wanting the borrow money to lower taxes.

Mayor Budesheim stated some of the expenses the Borough will be looking at this year (DPW tires). Along with a potential salary increase for the Municipal Judge and some areas where we might be able to save money. The first aide squad needs an updated radio system which will be determined how it will be purchased.

Councilman Revis raised his concern for the police budget and the accuracy for the salary portion considering salary increase and advancement. Councilman Carelli stated he can provide the exact break down for the police department salary.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Mike Reilly, 14 Greenwich Street, stated he thought the planning board ordinance is clear and needs no interpretation but is opened to have it changed.

Dave Desai, 22 Cotluss Road, asked if the budget continuing to be discussed at the next meeting can be introduced at the same meeting as well.

Joe, Pompton Lakes resident, stated his concern that the Verizon building property is contaminated.

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

ALL IN FAVOR

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Adjourned: 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk