

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, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzol, Guis
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:

Regular Meeting - February 19, 2014
Workshop Meeting - March 3, 2014

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

ALL IN FAVOR

MUNICIPAL CLERK CAROL TALERICO IS HONORED FOR 28 YEARS OF SERVICE TO RIVERDALE

Mayor Budesheim stated that he was grateful to see so many people here to honor and thank Carol Talerico for her 28 years of service to the community. The town came first and that's how she worked every day. The taxpayers and the residents benefited from that.

Assemblyman Scott Rumana stated that not only does he represent everyone here in Riverdale, but Carol happens to be the high school friend and best friend of my mother-in-law, Eileen Joyce. I am also representing Congressman Frelinghuysen who is unable to be here and extends his best wishes. There is no question the Municipal Clerk is one of the most important jobs with tremendous tasks to contend with. The general public will never know just how much you have to do in that office and how challenging it can be. Twenty-eight years of service to this wonderful community is something that we can't thank you enough for. You deserve all of the accolades that we can bestow upon you this evening. I know the Governor sends his well wishes, Senator O'Toole, and Assemblyman Dave Russo join me in this wishing you the very best in your future. Assemblyman Rumana presented Mrs. Talerico with a joint resolution from the Senate and General Assembly.

Morris County Freeholder Hank Lyon stated that he is here on behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. We need to say thank you more often and I'm here to say thank you for being a wonderful public servant. Government is only able to operate because of people like you. Twenty-eight years is a tremendous time and I've heard only wonderful things about your service here. On behalf of the County of Morris I want to congratulate you and say thank you.

Riverdale Board of Education Secretary Gary Grembowiec extended the Board's deepest appreciation and thanks to Carol for her years of dedicated service as the Treasurer of School Monies for the district.

Mayor Budesheim read several letters and emails that were sent to congratulate Mrs. Talerico and wish her well on her retirement.

MUNICIPAL CLERK CAROL TALERICO IS HONORED FOR 28 YEARS OF SERVICE TO RIVERDALE (continued):

Mayor Budesheim presented Mrs. Talerico with a mantel clock from the Borough and a gift card from the members of the Governing Body, Borough Attorney, Borough Engineer and Chief Finance Officer. This is for all that you have done for us because you do make us look good up here.

Comments from Councilwoman Elaine Wetzel: Carol, I'm sure everyone has a lot to say. You've done a lot over all of your years. We all appreciate everything you've done. I know personally you've always been my go-to person whenever I had a question. I just want to wish you the best of luck and happiness and enjoy all of your leisure time.

Comments from Councilman Paul Carelli: On this night where we celebrate the retirement of Carol Talerico, my thoughts go back to my first recollection of Carol. I'm sure she probably does not remember this episode that occurred in the 70's, some 40 years ago, but I sure do. It seems that three young 14 year old knucklehead boys living in the neighborhood decided to roll up as many large snowballs as we could to block Newbury Place. Later that evening we learned that Mrs. Talerico called the police to report the obstacle in the road. Well our caper went sour and I had a lot of explaining to do when my Councilman father picked me up at the Riverdale police station. Years later, when I became a Councilman, Chief Harry Resland showed me the old index cards they had on file reporting the event. I guess things like that do remain on your permanent record. Thank you, Carol, for that. Carol Talerico is a professional. Dealing with her over the last 14 years I quickly came to realize that she is going to make you do things right. Her experience, knowledge and passion for the job were always obvious. Her dedication to the residents of Riverdale has always been impressive. Her support and loyalty to those who worked with her over the years is something we can all admire. Carol, you will truly be missed at Borough Hall. I wish you health and happiness in your retirement. Enjoy your family and friends. You deserve nothing but the best after 28 years of loyal service to the Borough of Riverdale. More importantly, my wish for you is that you always steer clear of snowballs in the road.

Comments from Councilman Garret Astarita: Carol, I've counted you as a friend for more years than both of us would like to admit. During those years that you have been in your position, you have always acted with the highest professionalism and integrity guiding this Council and it's predecessors to ensure we stayed within the bounds of the law. I can say unequivocally that I have the highest respect for you and the way you held fast to your standards during some trying times. You have served this Borough well for many years. You should know that Helen and I hold you with deep affection and along with everybody present wish you a long, healthy, happy and fruitful retirement.

Mayor Budesheim announced a five-minute recess at 7:45 p.m.

Back to Order at 7:50 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Astarita stated that he will abstain from number 10.

Councilman Carelli recommended approval of option "b" for number 5.

Mayor Budesheim stated the Finance Officer prefers option "b" for number 6.

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

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including the following):
 - a. April Newsletter A&E o/e \$1,215.85
 - b. Gloria Carelli Food Pantry Trust \$ 500.00
- 2) **Resolution No. 35-2014;** Emergency Temporary Appropriations.
- 3) **Resolution No. 36-2014;** Transfer of 2013 Appropriation Reserves.
- 4) Authorization of bidding on the Glenburn Phase IV project with a publication date of March 23, 2014 and bids to be received and opened on April 24, 2014.
- 5) Approval of 2013 payment for LOSAP for the Riverdale Fire Department with the approval of the following payout:
 - b. **New LOSAP** funding amount with a maximum payout of \$1,500.00
- 6) Approval of the leasing of two police vehicles through Baystone Government Finance with a fixed interest rate for the following option:
 - b. **Option 2** – 4 Year Term – Principal Factor - \$49,230 – Quarterly amount \$3,304.56.
- 7) Approval of the disposition of borough property that has been determined to be of no further use to the Borough of Riverdale, tag #000236 – file cabinet.
- 8) Approval of the disposition of a borough police vehicle that has been determined to be of no further use to the Borough police department due to the condition of the vehicle and to also allow the selling of the vehicle for scrap to an individual offering \$1000 for us of salvaging. VIN#1D4HB38NX4F190801, 2004 Dodge Durango.
- 9) Approval of release of escrow funds in the amount of \$200 for a deposit to zoning for which the application was withdrawn.
- 10) Award of bid for use of 3 parking spaces located at 87 Newark Pompton Turnpike for the limited purpose of storing equipment with use of an exterior outlet to DaVita Healthcare Partners for a rental fee of \$400 per month for the term of 2 years.
- 11) Approval of additional funds to proposal for Paul Darmofalski, P.E. for the completion of inspections and administration of the Morris Avenue Sewer Pump Station in the amount of \$3,500.
- 12) **Resolution No. 37-2014;** Recycling Tax 2013.
- 13) **Resolution No. 38-2014;** Tax Title Lien Redemption – U.S. Band for Pro Cap II, LLC – Block 11 – Lot 5.3201 – 45 Mountain View Court – in the amount of \$527.02.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** Astarita, Carelli, Mastrangelo, Revis, Wetzel, Guis
 Nays: None
 Abstain: Astarita (No. 10 only)
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 31-A, B, C, D AND E

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 02-2014

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE AND AMENDING CERTAIN SEWER RATES

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

ORDINANCES (continued):

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

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

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Mastrangelo, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 02-2014 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 32-F

2) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 03-2014

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 47 ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

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 Guis to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Mastrangelo set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, **RESOLVED** that Ordinance No. 03-2014 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 32-G

3) **Introduction of Ordinance No. 04-2014;** Ordinance Amending Chapter 168 of “Zoning”.

Councilman Guis stated that this ordinance is not ready for introduction.

Councilman Guis set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to **TABLE** the introduction of Ordinance 04-2014 until the next meeting.

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

MAYOR BUDESHEIM PROCLAIMS APRIL 2014 AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Budesheim read the proclamation.

COPY OF PROCLAMATION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 33-H

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) From the Pompton Lakes/Riverdale Little League inviting the Mayor and Council to join in the 2014 Opening Day baseball/softball season festivities to be held on April 5, 2014. As in the past the parade leaves the High School parking lot at 12:00 pm and marches to the Little League Joe Grill complex for the ceremonies. (copy transmitted to the governing body with agenda)
- 2) Email received requesting an open dialogue with each municipality; the Budget Subcommittee (Freeholder Director Thomas J. Mastrangelo, Freeholder Hank Lyon, and Freeholder Krickus) would like the opportunity to present a short 15 minute overview of the 2014 County Budget. Please give some suggested dates and times which would work with Riverdale so a presentation can be scheduled for the start of one of Riverdale's Council meetings in March, April or May.

The April 7th meeting was selected.

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 7th workshop meeting.
- 2) Adoption of Wanaque Borough's fee schedule by ordinance per the Department of Community Affairs notice that this is required for all Shared Services Agreements per Uniform Construction Code Statute #5:23-4.17e. (email sent to governing body and borough attorney regarding this on January 23, 2014 explaining the telephone call the clerk received from the DCA)

No discussion took place.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Guis reported we received an additional \$250,000 from the state for river cleanup to be shared between Pompton Lakes, Pequannock and Riverdale.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Councilwoman Wetzel reported that she had a meeting with one of the representatives for the playground equipment and that information will be forthcoming.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Councilman Astarita reported that we will need to go to bid once again for the Borough Hall roof.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

PERSONNEL: Councilman Revis stated that no one can really replace Carol as Borough Clerk. The Mayor, Councilman Carelli and I met to discuss the process for finding a replacement and thus far we have not been able to reach any conclusions or settlement. The effort continues to look for someone to do the job.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Tom Frodella, 495 Cotliss Road, stated that he and Angelo Scallo, 9 Glendale Lane, Fairfield have opened a non-profit organization to help veterans to obtain pensions, housing and get through hard times. They described their program to the Council and asked if they could use the Glenburn house five days a week as an office and for counseling. They would also like to use a barn for wood-carving and furniture making instruction. Mayor Budesheim stated that everything has to go through the facility coordinator. There was discussion regarding the matter and Council had questions that were addressed. Councilman Guis offered a classroom at the Riverdale Pistol Team building. Mayor Budesheim stated that it sounds like a great cause and anything we can do to help, that's what we're here for. There are rooms upstairs that are not being used that could be used as an office. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that we would need to formalize it with a lease once the area is defined and a schedule is determined and a certificate of insurance is required.

Mayor Budesheim reported that the League of Municipals had an article about Riverdale amending the ordinance regarding volunteer firefighter requirements. It's a testament to the Fire Chief.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

CLOSED SESSION – LITIGATION

Councilwoman Wetzel set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, RESOLVED that the Council go into closed session to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

ALL IN FAVOR.

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

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

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:

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