

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, Falkoski, Loesner, Wetzel, Guis**
 Absent: **None**

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 21, 2011
 Special Meeting - March 2, 2011
 Workshop Meeting - March 7, 2011

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ALL IN FAVOR.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Terri Pellegrini, 14 Cedar Street asked for clarification of Ordinance No. 05-2011. Mayor Budesheim explained the current and proposed sick time policy for borough employees. Mrs. Pellegrini asked for clarification of resolutions 8 and 9. Mayor Budesheim explained that the grants are for restoration of the Glenburn and the matching funds come out of a trust fund established for this purpose and not the tax levy.

Glenn Venza, 14 Macopin Avenue asked about changes to the health care policy. Mayor Budesheim responded that we are still negotiating with the Police Department on that matter.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

HEARING AND DECISION TO ALLOW THE PLACEMENT OF CLOTHING BINS AT THE WALMART PARKING LOT FOR AMVETS – 459 RIDGE ROAD, LYNDHURST, NJ. (copy of application, paperwork, & ordinance distributed to governing with agenda)

Mayor Budesheim announced the meeting was open for public participation.

Greg Patavano on behalf of the applicant announced he was present with Howard Vacarella of Amvets to answer any questions.

Mayor Budesheim inquired as to the number of bins, how often they will be emptied and if we have contact numbers. Mr. Vacarella replied there are 4 bins that will be emptied 3 times per week and there 2 phone numbers.

Councilwoman Wetzel asked about disposal of the goods collected. Mr. Vacarella replied that the used clothing is brought to a warehouse in Bergen County, compressed into bales and shipped all over the world as second hand clothing.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMVETS (continued):

Councilman Astarita asked what percentage of profit goes to the American Veterans. Mr. Vacarella replied that Amvets receives between \$50,000 and \$75,000 per year from clothing sales. Percentages change greatly as clothing prices fluctuate in third world countries.

Thereupon, Councilman Astarita set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Falkoski, to approve Amvets application for Placement of Clothing Bins at the Walmart Parking Lot.

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

ORDINANCES:

- 1) Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 05-2011

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 45 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE,**

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

COPY OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 30-A

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilwoman Wetzel asked if matching funds were required for Resolution No. 12. Mayor Budesheim replied that there is no matching requirement. Councilman Astarita asked for the cost of the elevator. Mayor Budesheim replied that the \$80,000 grant should cover the elevator and complete installation.

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

- 1) Payment of Claims. (including following)
 - 1) Bromilow Chocolates - Easter Breakfast \$200.00
 - 2) Anne Gould – Reimbursement for Bowling Celebration \$ 38.47
- 2) Payments from Escrow funds for the following Professionals:
 - 1) Darmofalski Engineering Assoc. Alexan/Riverwalk \$115.00
- 3) **Resolution No. 26-2011;** Authorizing the application from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$6,225.44 to fund the purchase of fire equipment and training and to authorize Pat Cleary as the grant administrator.
- 4) **Resolution No. 27-2011;** Emergency Temporary Appropriations – 2011.
- 5) Authorization of the solicitation of “Poppies” by the VFW at local establishments in the Borough of Riverdale such BJ’s, Wall Mart, etc.
- 6) Authorization of the release of escrow funds held for Bradco Supply verified to have been merged with ABC Supply Co., by the Municipal Clerk. The amounts of release are \$6,528.05 and 147.83 held in two separate accounts.
- 7) Review & approval of Statement of Values for properties owned and insured by the Borough of Riverdale.

RESOLUTIONS (continued):

- 8) Authorization of application for a Non-Construction Grant to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund in the amount of \$10,000 with at \$8,000 grant amount and a borough match of \$2,000, and authorizing Mayor Budesheim to endorse the grant application.
- 9) Authorization of an application for a Construction Grant to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund in the amount of \$285,805 with a \$228,644 grant amount and a borough match of \$57,161, and authorizing Mayor Budesheim to endorse the grant application.
- 10) Approval of ad to be placed on the VFW Pancake Breakfast placemat in the amount of \$25.00.
- 11) Approval of Engineering Budget for the preparation of plans for submittal to NJDEP for Permits in conjunction with Pompton Lakes for the de-snagging and de-silting of the Pequannock River.
- 12) Approval of a proposal for Architectural Services to perform a Preliminary Design, Provide Construction Documents and perform Contract Administration for a new elevator at the Riverdale Senior Community Center to be performed by James P. Cutillo, 21 Mountain Avenue, Pompton Plains as follows:
 - 1) Preliminary Design \$1,200.00
 - 2) Construction Documents \$3,600.00
 - 3) Contract Administration @ an Hourly Rate \$ 150.00 out of office
\$ 125.00 in office

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carelli, Falkoski, Loesner, Wetzl, Guis
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Decision on 2011 Levy Cap Referendum – April 27th Election. Possible Resolution No. 28-2011.

Mayor Budesheim stated that we need to make a decision tonight because the school is waiting for our decision.

Councilman Carelli stated he is not in favor of this for a number of reasons. With negotiations we should be able to get to the cap.

Councilman Falkoski asked if we have any numbers to indicate how we'll be able to meet this without going to referendum. Councilman Carelli stated he has been working on the numbers and the Mayor who will discuss it further.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) From the VFW Post 8096 thanking the Borough of Riverdale for its past support along with an invitation to attend their pancake breakfast to be held on April 10, 2011.

There was no discussion on this matter.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that Morris County has been asking if we're having a referendum because they advertise the hours of the election. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that all we can tell them is as of tonight we are not.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim stated that we should evaluate the value of the borough owned properties. Councilman Guis stated that it could be done through an appraiser or possibly a public adjuster. The Mayor asked Councilman Astarita to look into it.

Mayor Budesheim reported that he has been working with Councilman Carelli on the budget numbers. He distributed a list of items to be cut. The total is \$320,378 and that's still about \$165,000 short of our goal. The Finance Committee will be meeting to close the gap some more. This is a serious and dangerous budget we are cutting it so close. Mayor Budesheim stated that we no longer have the need for a Deputy Fire Inspector and recommended he be terminated.

Thereupon, Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to terminate Deputy Fire Inspector Earl Dean effective March 31, 2011.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Carelli, Falkoski, Loesner, Wetzl, Guis**
 Nays: Astarita
 (5 ayes – 1 nay – motion carried)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Falkoski asked if it was determined that \$487,521 is a valid number as the amount necessary for budget reductions. Councilman Carelli stated that it is a valid number.

Councilman Astarita apologized for missing the last meeting. He was attending the County Community Development Board meeting.

Mayor Budesheim stated that a number of people are here based on articles that have been in the newspaper which were a true and accurate reflection of things that were discussed at the last meeting. Nobody on this Council recommended that a policeman be laid off. We are doing all that we can to work with the Department to make sure that nobody gets laid off. This is an extremely tight budget and has been for the past 4 years. We have been reducing our O/E budgets by 10 percent every year which is why it makes it so difficult to try and find any more excess funds in this budget. Mr. Carelli and I have been working on it and will continue and hopefully we will have a budget for the April 4th introduction.

Councilman Falkoski asked if we had looked into the transfer of free library surplus that was referenced in the last legislative bulletin. Mayor Budesheim stated that he checked with our CFO and the library does not have that kind of surplus.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

PBA President Pat Harden stated that they want to assure the residents they will work with the Council and do the best they can to make sure the officers keep their jobs so the quality of service and your safety stays the same. We're going to work very hard with them and hopefully come up with a solution.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2 (continued):

Dave Desai, 22 Cotliss Road asked for clarification of the amounts for salaries and health benefits in the 2010 budget. Mayor Budesheim responded.

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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